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# OREGON CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
PORTLAND, OREGON, APRIL 29 TO MAY 2, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

H. V. HASLAM, *Secretary* O. N. BLAIR, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer*

D. M. CATHEY, *Sunday School Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, W. J. Johnston.

*On Education*—O. N. Blair, H. E. Kreider, W. N. Coffee.

*On Reforms*—W. J. Johnston, J. F. Lewis, G. W. Bondurant.

*On Publications*—D. W. Cook, J. W. Neet, J. H. Brown.

*On Sunday Schools*—E. D. Blackman, R. A. Trullinger, E. I. Harrington.

*On State of the Work*—W. E. Goode, W. N. Coffee.

*On Examining Quarterly Conference Records*—H. J. Blair, D. M. Cathey, W. H. Connell.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes*—N. Welter.

*On Ministerial Relations*—J. H. Brown, W. J. Johnston, D. W. Cook, G. W. Bondurant, T. H. Symms, W. E. Goode.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—W. W. Gatts, G. W. Bondurant, J. T. Eads.

*On Claimants and Claims*—Wilson T. Hogue, W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, D. M. Cathey, J. T. Eads.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

W. N. Coffee, one year; G. W. Bondurant, two years; W. E. Goode, three years.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. E. Goode, president; D. M. Cathey, secretary; John Glen, treasurer; D. W. Cook, T. H. Symms.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—H. E. Kreider

*On Reforms*—D. W. Cook

*On Publications*—J. F. Lewis

*On Sunday-schools*—E. I. Harrington

*On State of the Work*—W. N. Coffee, D. W. Cook, N. Welter

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Conference Missions, Permanent fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries and Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

J. Glen	W. J. Johnston	W. W. Gatts
T. H. Symms	W. N. Coffee	E. D. Blackman
W. E. Goode	W. J. Bowerman	J. F. Lewis
W. Barrett	O. N. Blair	D. W. Cook
Cyrus Cook	E. L. Smith	J. D. Cook
H. V. Haslam	J. H. Brown	J. O. Hockett
H. J. Blair	S. G. Roper	J. F. Smith
E. I. Harrington	N. Welter	H. E. Kreider
G. W. Bondurant	B. L. Knoll	

## DELEGATES

C. L. Thayer	J. T. Rorabaugh	Clara Soule
D. M. Cathey	Kate Graham	A. L. Swain
Green McMurray	John Murphy	Sophrona Rubens
W. Lingle	J. T. Eads	S. T. Andrus
J. W. Neet	W. H. Connell	W. H. Aldridge
Mary E. Tunison	R. A. Trullinger	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, W. N. Coffee, W. E. Goode, D. M. Cathey, J. T. Eads.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. A. Welter.
4. Who remain on trial? F. D. Helm, S. F. Pitts, E. W. Hillis.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. E. Kreider, J. F. Smith.
6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Gatts, S. G. Roper, J. F. Lewis, H. E. Kreider, J. F. Smith.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. J. Johnston.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? T. H. Symms, W. J. Bowerman.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. D. Cook, Cyrus Cook, W. Barrett, E. L. Smith.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. O. Hockett, an elder, from the Texas conference; E. L. Smith, an elder, from the Washington conference; Cyrus Cook, an elder, from the South Dakota conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? H. M. Bowman, D. J. Goode.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. H. Dollarhide, to the Louisiana conference; J. O. Hockett.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? J. D. Cook, \$100; Cyrus Cook, \$150.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Springfield, as near the last week in May as will be convenient to the presiding bishop.



## MISCELLANEOUS

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a public meeting Sunday afternoon and raised \$692.60 in cash and subscriptions for the support of Roy Nichols and wife, the prospective missionaries to Santo Domingo, West Indies. They reported that \$1,530 had been raised by the society during the year for foreign missions, including the missionary boxes.

They elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, president, 469 East Harrison street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Mary E. Tunison, first vice-president, Tygh Valley, Oregon, Box 22; Mrs. Birdeen Myers, second vice-president, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. Hattie Wrage, third vice-president, 1273 Yamhill street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Bertha M. Blair, corresponding secretary, Arleta, Oregon; Mrs. Allie Lewis, recording secretary, Houlton, Oregon; Mrs. Neva Dubois, treasurer, Center Addition, Portland, Oregon; Miss Lizzie Walker, superintendent of Junior work, Salem, Oregon.

Alexander Beers, of the Washington conference; E. E. Shelhamer and wife, of the Pittsburg conference; J. A. Hopper and wife, of the Colorado conference; Roy Nichols and wife, of the Washington conference; Clyde R. Ebey and wife, of the California conference, and E. W. Achilles, of the Columbia River conference, were in attendance at this conference session.

## APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT—W. N. COFFEE, District Elder, 469 East Harrison street, Portland, Oregon

Portland and St. Johns.....J. Glen, 333 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon  
 Central.....W. J. Johnston, Center Addition, Portland, Oregon  
 Houlton and Bethany.....J. F. Lewis, Houlton, Oregon  
 Gresham, Estacada and Pleasant Valley.....O. N. Blair  
 Damascus and Sunnyside.....S. F. Pitts, R. F. D. 1, Clackamas, Oregon  
 Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilley.....E. W. Hillis, Forest Grove, Oregon

W. Barrett, superannuated, Arleta, Oregon; W. J. Bowerman, supernumerary, Gresham, Oregon; T. H. Symms, supernumerary, Forest Grove, Oregon; W. N. Coffee, member of Portland district quarterly conference.

SALEM DISTRICT—W. N. COFFEE, District Elder

Salem and Aumsville.....  
 .....J. A. Hopper, supply, 1228 North Winter street, Salem, Oregon  
 Albany.....Lizzie Walker, supply, Salem, Oregon  
 Lacombe.....H. A. Walter, Lacombe, Oregon  
 Falls City.....H. J. Blair, Malinda J. Blair, supply, Falls City, Oregon  
 Dayton and Newberg.....S. G. Roper  
 Woodburn and Hubbard.....H. E. Kreider, Woodburn, Oregon  
 Harmony.....To be supplied  
 Beaver and Tillamook.....H. V. Haslam, 411 East Mill street, Portland, Oregon

B. L. Knoll, evangelist; J. D. Cook, superannuated, Newberg, Oregon; Cyrus Cook, superannuated, Salem, Oregon; E. L. Smith, superannuated, Newberg, Oregon; F. D. Helm, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

EUGENE DISTRICT—N. WELTER, District Elder

Eugene and Springfield.....E. I. Harrington, R. F. D. 2, Eugene, Oregon  
 Parsons Creek, Marcola and Wendling.....W. W. Gatts, Marcola, Oregon  
 Roseburg.....To be supplied

Myrtle Creek and Canyonville.....J. F. Smith  
 Drain and Comstock.....C. G. Rambo, supply  
 Marshfield .....I. Sparks, supply

E. D. Blackman, evangelist; N. Welter, member of Eugene district quarterly conference.

#### GRANTS PASS DISTRICT—N. WELTER, District Elder

Grants Pass, Woodville and Golden.....To be supplied  
 Murphy, Missouri Flats and Williams Creek.....  
 .....A. W. Countryman, supply, Medford, Oregon  
 Ashland and Talent.....L. R. Blackman, supply, Ashland, Oregon  
 Medford, Phoenix and Central Point.....W. E. Goode, Medford, Oregon  
 Klamath County.....F. B. Creecy, supply

J. H. Brown, conference missionary, Ashland, Oregon; J. O. Hockett, granted certificate of good standing.

#### THE DALLES DISTRICT—D. W. Cook, District Elder

The Dalles and Hood River.....To be supplied  
 White River and Bake Oven.....To be supplied  
 Madras and Opal Prairie.....G. W. Bondurant

### LOCAL PREACHERS

J. M. Reese.....Roseburg, Oregon	Sidney Scott.....Center Addition, Portland, Oregon
D. M. Cathey.....Gresham, "	"
T. O. Allison.....Dayton, "	A. Walker .....Salem, Oregon
G. T. Coats.....Peel, "	J. W. Eldredge.....Sherwood, "
L. R. Blackman.....Ashland, "	J. B. Cook.....Newberg, "
F. Albright .....Ashland, "	A. Lingren ....Center Addition, Portland, Oregon
F. B. Creecy.....Ashland, "	"
A. Notestine .....Roseburg, "	A. Wells.....2 Second street, Portland, Oregon
William Platt .....Thurston, "	"
S. S. Enney.....Medford, "	C. G. Rambo

### CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Malinda J. Blair, Falls City, Oregon	Mrs. Martha N. Brown.....
Mrs. Mary Hillis....Portland, Oregon	Mrs. Urvilla C. Reese, Roseburg, Oregon

### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Cora McGhee, Comstock, Oregon	Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, 469 East Harrison street, Portland, Oregon
Mrs. Florence Wells, 2 Second street, Portland, Oregon	Mrs. A. Dayhauf,....Ashland, Oregon
Mrs. Mary H. Reed, Murphy, Oregon	Mrs. C. R. Johnston, Center Addition, Portland, Oregon
Miss Lizzie Walker...Salem, "	"

### TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$210; raised by circuits, \$197.50; deficiency (raised at conference), \$12.50.

BISHOP'S FUND—Apportioned, \$94.50; raised by circuits, \$91.65; deficiency (raised at conference), \$2.85.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned, \$78.75; raised by circuits, \$75.72; deficiency (raised at conference), \$3.03.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned, \$52.50; raised by circuits, \$50.75; deficiency (raised at conference), \$1.75.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned, \$131.25; raised by circuits, \$123.43; deficiency (raised at conference), \$7.82.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$26.25; raised by circuits, \$24.55; deficiency (raised at conference), \$1.70.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, \$4.05.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS TO PUBLISH MINUTES

Amount raised, \$20.60

### II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We recognize in the press a powerful factor in molding moral sentiment. Our state and national elections are largely influenced, if not controlled, by the daily and weekly papers.

The Prohibition movement has seemed to make much greater advancement since gaining general notice in the public press than ever before. This shows the effect of the press on the public mind.

Man believes and is influenced very largely by what he reads; hence the danger of impure literature in the hands of the people in corrupting their morals. Many a young life has been wrecked on the sea of time through the influence of evil books and papers. For these reasons we should be very careful in the choice of our reading matter, both for ourselves and for our families. We should use as much care in selecting our reading matter as we do our food; and as unwholesome food poisons the body and destroys the health, so unwholesome literature poisons the mind, and helps to turn man aside from paths of virtue into paths of vice and moral pollution. Books and papers of elevated tone and no others should be allowed in our homes.

Our pastors everywhere should see to it that our people are furnished with books of high moral tone in Christian biography, history, etc., to the exclusion of fictitious works.

Many of our people seem to be inconsiderate and undiscerning as to the reading matter placed in the hands of their children, so that their minds are poisoned and their tastes perverted by bad literature.

Many of the religious books of to-day are unsound in doctrine and confuse the minds of the readers, especially on vital doctrines, and we should warn our people against them.

Our own periodicals are highly worthy of patronage, and no Free Methodist family should be without the FREE METHODIST.

Our Sunday-school literature is as good as the best; and our missionary publications for the foreign and home work ought to be in our homes.

We would call attention to THE PORTLAND OLIVE BRANCH, published in the interest of the Olive Branch Mission of Portland, by Aaron Wells.

We hope the EARNEST CHRISTIAN, which is likely to change hands in the near future, and may become one of our own publications, may continue to be an able exponent of the glorious doctrine of holiness, as it has been in the past, and that it may have a hearty support by way of subscriptions in the bounds of this conference.

We are liable to lose sight of the stealthy, onward march of secretism, with its blighting curse upon society everywhere, unless we read upon the question. To this end we recommend the reading of the "Christian Cynosure," published monthly in Chicago, Illinois, and edited by President Blanchard, of Wheaton College.

We also recommend to all of our readers THE NATIONAL PROHIBITIONIST as probably the best authority in the world on the prohibition question.



## III.—ON EDUCATION

With reference to education, our position remains the same as heretofore. We are American citizens and appreciate our public schools. We note constant improvement in methods, work done, and in general oversight of pupils.

County, state and national conventions tend to unification of training in the grade and high schools. If our children have proper training at home, they can be made intelligent and helpful citizens of the commonwealth, and have an advantageous prospect for useful life.

While we feel justly proud of our system of free public schools, we feel that in the line of morals and specific training for Christian citizenship, our own denominational schools are unexcelled. We point with especial pride to the nearest of our schools, Seattle Seminary, and propose to continue to give it our moral and financial support. In this connection we would suggest that President Beers, who is present with us, be invited to speak to the conference on the subject of Education and in the interests of the seminary.

We would not overlook our other schools in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota, California and Nebraska, and our college at Greenville, Illinois. We pray that they may continue to do the excellent work that has been characteristic of them in the past.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

## PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE AND GRANTS PASS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PORTLAND DISTRICT							\$ 621 84					
Portland and St. Johns.....			\$ 55 54	\$ 5 50	\$ 725 00	254 67	\$ 50 00	1	3000	1	\$ 1500	
Central and Bethany.....			49 11	2 40	610 00	124 53	52 50	2	1800	1	1800	
Greenham.....			20 10	1 10	451 52	4 65	14 50	2	2000	1	680	
Sunnyside and Damascus.....			16 00	95	285 00	46 00	14 00	2	1800	1	1000	
Forest Grove, Hillsboro & Dilley.....			19 92	1 60	310 91	73 89	130 00	1	1500	1	900	
Houlton.....			22 00	50	165 45	38 10	3 50	1	1200			
SALEM DISTRICT							270 01					
Salem, Albany and Aumsville.....			22 88	2 75	521 97	84 10	69 50	1	1000	1	500	
Woodburn and Hubbard.....			16 00	1 35	183 99	63 00		2	1700			
Newberg, Dayton and Harmony.....			22 56	1 60	329 71	26 51	20 10	2	2000	1	800	
Falls City.....			21 49	80	244 81	35 70		1	1000	1	800	
Lacomb.....			23 00	1 15	325 00	60 40	15 60	1	1000	1	400	
Beaver.....												
EUGENE DISTRICT							156 80					
Springfield.....			25 00	1 65	365 00	88 80		1	600	1	500	
Marcola.....				25	179 10	18 00						
Myrtle Creek.....				20	5 00	25 00						
Roseburg.....			19 00	50	91 50	25 00		1	1200			
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT							176 55					
Grants Pass.....			17 35	65	228 80	44 70	5 70	1	1200	1	600	
Ashland.....				1 00	200 00	39 00		1	1500			
Medford.....			9 82		163 85	50 00		1	1000	1	500	
Murphy, etc.....				40	55 10	32 85	10 00					
Phoenix and Talent.....				20		10 00						
Klamath Falls.....					45 55		5 50					
Raised at conference.....				1 70								
Total.....			\$369 77	\$26 25	\$5492 36	\$1225 20	\$470 90	21	\$ 23500.12	\$ 9980		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE AND GRANTS PASS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Tree Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Mission Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
PORTLAND DISTRICT																		
W. N. Coffee, District Elder																		
Portland and St. John's.....	W. J. Johnston.....	126	20	146	2	4	1	11	53	14	\$ 44.00	\$ 19.80	\$ 27.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 11.00			247 35
Central and Bethany.....	O. N. Blair.....	58	6	64	3	2	1	18	75	8	19 20	8 64	12 00	7 20	4 80			199 45
Gresham.....	S. E. Pitts.....	31	10	41	2	2	2	8	30	6	10 40	4 80	6 50	3 70	2 60			88 75
Sunnyvale and Damascus.....	G. W. Bontrant.....	18	5	23	1	1	1	6	34	7	5 60	3 42	1 88	2 00	1 90			35 00
Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilley.....	H. E. Kreider.....	39	1	40	2	1	2	11	30	10	12 80	5 76	8 00	4 80	3 20			85 29
Houlton.....	E. W. Hillis.....	16	7	23	1	1	1	7	35	2	3 60	2 00	3 75	1 85	95			20 50
W. N. Coffee, District Elder																		
Sale, Albany and Amnsville.....	S. G. Roper.....	56	5	61	1	1	1	7	28	10	23 00	9 90	13 75	8 25	5 50			34 87
Newburn and Hubbard.....	D. W. Cook.....	25	1	26	1	1	1	3	8	8	10 80	4 80	6 75	4 05	2 70			14 45
Falls City.....	H. A. Walter, Supply.....	30	1	31	3	2	2	11	50	13	12 80	5 76	8 00	4 80	3 20			105 10
Lacomb.....	H. J. Blair, Walinda J. Blair, Sup. Supplied.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	6	30	4	6 40	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60			23 15
Beaver.....	J. F. Lewis.....	22	1	23	1	2	2	10	50	5	9 20	4 14	5 75	3 47	2 30			30 70
W. E. Goode, District Elder																		
Springfield.....	E. I. Harrington.....	27	4	31	1	1	1	8	35	8	10 30	5 95	6 25	5 00	3 30			70 00
Marcola.....	W. W. Gatts.....	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	2 00	80	1 25	75	50		\$ 4 05	
Myrtle Creek.....	Supplied.....	8	8	16	1	1	1	4	15	4	3 20	1 50	2 30	1 50	1 00			
Roseburg.....	J. F. Smith.....	1	8	9	1	1	1	4	15	4	3 20	1 50	2 30	1 50	1 00			
W. E. Goode, District Elder																		
Grants Pass.....	E. D. Blackman.....	14	2	16	1	1	1	3	12	1	5 20	2 94	3 35	1 95	1 30			
Ashland.....	J. O. Hockett.....	21	1	22	3	1	1	4	35	5	8 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00			
Medford.....	Urvilla C. Reese, Supply.....	17	3	20	1	1	1	6	30	6	8 60	2 24	3 00	2 50	1 40			
Sturphy, etc.....	Mary H. Reed, Supply.....	7	3	10	1	1	1	6	30	1	3 20	1 72	1 00	1 80	1 40			
Phoenix and Talent.....	Supplied.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	4	1	1 00	1 00	1 00	40				
Klamath Falls.....	Supplied.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	4	1	1 00	1 00	1 00	40				
Raised at conference.....	F. B. Orecy.....										12 50	2 85	7 82	3 03	1 75			116 06
Total.....		538	70	608	18	9	21	123	545	112	\$ 210.00	\$ 94.50	\$ 131.25	\$ 78.75	\$ 63.50		\$ 4 05	\$ 1221.69

# WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD IN THE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH, EVERETT, WASHINGTON,  
APRIL 22-25, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

ALEXANDER BEERS, *Secretary*      W. W. DEXTER, *Assistant Secretary*  
B. H. ALBERTS, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, T. H. Marsh, James Eva, A. N. West.  
*On Education*—A. Beers, L. W. Steele, H. D. Kindig.  
*On Sunday-schools*—A. N. West, Mary E. Funk, A. K. Anderson, F. H. Church.  
*On Prohibition*—C. S. McKinley, S. T. Turner, A. C. Cummings.  
*On Reforms*—J. D. Marsh, G. W. Esher, C. L. Foster.  
*On Publications*—B. F. Wade, E. L. Smith, J. T. Bivins.  
*On State of the Work*—T. H. Marsh, James Eva.  
*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—W. W. Loomis, M. D. Myers, E. Chapman.  
*To Nominate Trustees for Seattle Seminary*—A. Beers, C. E. McReynolds, B. F. Smalley.  
*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—W. C. Meacham, Roy Nichols.  
*On Ministerial Relations*—C. S. McKinley, B. H. Alberts, P. H. Griggs, H. D. Kindig, C. G. Brisco.  
*On Publishing the Minutes*—A. Beers, W. W. Dexter.  
*On Complimentary Resolutions*—C. S. McKinley, F. H. Church, A. H. Stilwell.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. Beers, C. S. McKinley, E. L. Smith, W. W. Loomis.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. E. McReynolds, B. F. Smalley, B. H. Alberts, H. D. Kindig, C. L. Foster.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>On Publications</i> —A. Beers                  | <i>On Complimentary Resolutions</i> —C. S. McKinley |
| <i>On State of the Work</i> —The district elders. | <i>On Education</i> —J. D. Marsh                    |
| <i>On Prohibition</i> —C. S. McKinley             | <i>On Sunday-schools</i> —B. F. Wade                |
| <i>On Reforms</i> —T. H. Marsh                    |                                                     |

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. A. L. Beers; treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Burrows; recording secretary, Mary A. Burrows; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. M. Burns.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?



## PREACHERS

C. E. McReynolds,	C. S. McKinley,	W. C. Meacham,
T. H. Marsh,	B. H. Alberts,	J. D. Marsh,
W. W. Dexter,	B. F. Smalley,	M. D. Myers,
W. W. Loomis,	G. W. Esher,	A. K. Anderson,
P. H. Griggs,	S. P. Westfield,	August Youngren,
E. L. Smith,	A. H. Stilwell,	Roy E. Nichols,
J. T. Bivins,	B. F. Wade,	Omar A. Burns,
A. Beers,	F. H. Church,	James Eva,
M. C. Clarke,	A. N. West,	George G. Edwards,
L. W. Steele,	W. I. Lively,	W. A. Cummings,
G. W. Wheelon,	J. F. Leise,	

## DELEGATES

Mrs. Pearl DeLong,	Mrs. N. B. Hammer,	J. H. May,
Mrs. Mollie Crackle,	W. M. Clark,	Mary E. Funk,
Mrs. L. V. Messer,	Mrs. M. M. Flory,	H. D. Kindig,
Herbert Chapman,	J. H. Harvey,	S. T. Turner,
Mrs. M. E. Kirkley,	C. G. Brisco,	J. H. Tyler,
S. L. Helm,	C. L. Foster,	Mary Polow.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, T. H. Marsh, James Eva, C. L. Foster, S. L. Helm.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial this year? None.

4. Who remain on trial? Frank Millican, Louis Huston.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Roy E. Nichols, O. A. Burns.

6. Who are the deacons? J. T. Bivins, Roy Nichols, O. A. Burns, B. F. Wade, A. C. Cummings.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. K. Anderson.

8. Who have located this year? J. F. Leise.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? G. W. Wheelon, E. L. Smith.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. A. Cummings, Ohio conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. L. Smith.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? William Boddy, E. E. Ely.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? In the Second Free Methodist church of Seattle, as near the first of April, 1909, as can be arranged by the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was harmonious throughout. Much good work has been accomplished, but some losses sustained at a few points. Bishop Hogue was

at his best, and presided over the conference with general acceptability. His sermons were strong, spiritual, and very uplifting to all the work. The dedication of the new church Sunday morning was a feature of the conference. About \$2,400 was raised, and the church formerly dedicated by Bishop Hogue.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society showed a decided gain in receipts over last year.

The conference claims were ordered taken in the following manner: First quarter, Home and General Missions; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants and Permanent fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

The following persons were elected trustees of Seattle Seminary: C. E. McReynolds, A. Beers, H. D. Kindig, C. S. McKinley.

The property of the First Church having been sold, and the members of this society having been scattered throughout the city, many of them living near other Free Methodist churches; and the work being greatly weakened from losses sustained by members moving out farther where rents are cheaper, the society voted to disband and unite with other societies. This subject was discussed at the conference, and the action of the First Church ratified, a part of which was that the money derived from the sale of the First Church property be given to Seattle Seminary, and that \$2,000 of it be used in establishing a Free Methodist mission down town when such a mission could be started under the direction and approval of the Puget Sound district.

The pulpits of other churches in Everett were largely supplied on Sunday by Free Methodist preachers.

## APPOINTMENTS

### PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—C. E. McREYNOLDS, District Elder

Seattle, First Church\*

Seattle, Second Church.....J. D. Marsh

Seattle, Third Church.....C. S. McKinley

Ballard .....B. F. Wade

Hillman and Whitby Island.....James Eva

Edmons .....G. W. Esher

Everett .....A. N. West

Snohomish.....B. F. Smalley

Arlington .....Louis W. Huston, supply

Mount Vernon, Bethel and Sedro Woolley.....L. W. Steele

Bellingham and Albineta schoolhouse.....L. M. Phillips, supply

Blaine and Woodland.....W. W. Dexter

Prairie, Thornwood and Wickershaw.....E. H. Harmer, supply

T. H. Marsh, conference evangelist; A. Beers, principal Seattle Seminary; A. H. Stilwell, associate principal Seattle Seminary; Omar A. Burns, teacher in Seattle Seminary; M. C. Clarke, missionary to India; August Youngren, missionary to Japan; Frank Millican, missionary to China; George G. Edwards, missionary to India; G. W. Wheelon, E. L. Smith, superannuated; S. P. Westfield, left without appointment, paragraph 94 of the Discipline; Roy E. Nichols, left without appointment to go as foreign missionary; W. I. Lively, left without appointment to attend college; W. C. Meacham, left without appointment.

### TACOMA DISTRICT—B. H. ALBERTS, District Elder

Tacoma.....J. E. Cochran, supply

Centralia .....W. W. Loomis

Olympia.....R. M. Reid, supply

\*First Church society merged with Second and Third churches, by previous vote of the society.

Bay Center and Oysterville.....To be supplied  
 Foster and Renton.....To be supplied  
 Sunnydale and South Park.....M. D. Myers  
 Buckley, Lake Tapps and Enumelaw..F. H. Church, Mrs. F. H. Church, supply  
 Puyallup and Sumner.....A. K. Anderson  
 Goldendale and Centerville.....To be supplied  
 Orton, McMillan and Alderton.....W. A. Cummings  
 Ashford.....To be supplied

B. H. Alberts, member Tacoma district quarterly conference.

#### YAKIMA DISTRICT—B. H. ALBERTS, District Elder

Roslyn and Cle Elum.....J. T. Bivins, Minnie Bivins, supply  
 Sunnyside and Outlook.....P. H. Griggs  
 Grandview.....C. L. Crook, supply

J. F. Leise, granted certificate of location at his own request, church membership fixed at Grandview.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

#### PUGET SOUND, YAKIMA AND TAKOMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PUGET SOUND DISTRICT												
Seattle, Second Church.....			\$ 212 75	\$ 8 05	\$1052 82		\$169 93	\$ 188 71	1	10000	1	\$ 2000
Seattle, Third Church.....	422 00		69 72	2 85	947 69		120 62	324 60	1	1500	1	1400
Hillman City.....			50 00	1 30	372 20		32 00		1	1000	1	1000
Bellingham.....					105 00		25 60	60 00	1	1200	1	800
Edmonds.....		50	30 00	1 85	409 60		38 80	41 00	1	600	1	600
Everett.....			96 21	4 80	840 00		100 00	99 69	1	4000	1	2000
Ballard.....			26 00	1 25	413 48		41 50		1	3200		
Arlington.....			25 77	95	479 94		34 84	37 11	1	1350	1	750
Blaine and Woodland.....			35 00	1 55	400 00		61 70		1	3000	1	600
British Columbia Mission.....												
Spokane.....			25 32	2 85	439 58		52 93	6 00	1	1700	1	700
Mount Vernon, Bethel and Sedro Wooley.....			38 00	3 10	569 76		110 10	37 00	3	3000	1	500
TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS												
Bethany and Prosser.....			11 36	35	370 45		35 99	39 93				
Bay Center and Oysterville.....							87 60					
Buckley and Lak Tapps.....	3 45		24 84	50	360 26		50 00		1	300	1	500
Foster and Renton.....			115 40	50	190 44		22 25					
Sunnydale.....			23 51	80	400 00		38 00	28 00	1	1200		
Cle Elum and Teanaway.....			28 09	50	388 06		63 05	99 70	1	1200	1	800
Centralia.....	10 40		49 08	2 05	545 57		75 40	54 11	1	1500	1	600
Tacoma.....			29 93	2 90	624 23		119 75	25 00	1	5000	1	500
Sunnyside and Glades.....	5 00	2 60	33 91	2 10	619 00		71 36	130 77	1	1500	1	800
Total.....	440 85	\$ 3 10	\$ 924 89	\$38 25	\$9428 08		1351 32	\$1171 62	19	\$ 41750 15	\$13450	

\* Raised for tracts, \$1.00.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

## PUGET SOUND, TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Funds	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Missions	Church Extension	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
PUGET SOUND DISTRICT																		
T. H. Marsh, District Elder																		
Seattle, Second Church.....	F. D. Marsh.....	185	27	212	5	5	1	24	203	39	64	40	28	36	10	16	10	493
Seattle, Third Church.....	F. D. Marsh.....	24	11	35	1	1	1	18	30	14	22	40	10	16	8	5	10	236
Seattle, Third Church.....	B. H. A. Marsh.....	24	11	35	1	1	1	18	30	14	22	40	10	16	8	5	10	236
Bellevue.....	F. O. D. Marsh.....	12	1	13	1	1	1	1	50	6	10	40	6	50	3	50	132	60
Edmonds.....	G. A. Escher.....	30	2	32	1	1	1	12	50	6	14	36	9	55	3	70	81	35
Everett.....	A. N. West.....	64	4	68	2	1	1	18	76	10	32	80	14	76	8	20	94	88
Ballard.....	B. F. Wade.....	34	9	43	1	1	1	8	31	4	10	40	6	25	3	70	145	60
Ballard and Woodland.....	Louis W. Huston.....	22	6	28	2	1	1	9	46	6	3	42	4	76	2	85	1	90
British Columbia Mission.....	V. W. Dexter.....	33	2	35	2	1	1	6	55	9	12	40	7	76	4	65	3	10
Sn-homish.....	B. H. Griggs.....	40	22	62	2	1	2	10	100	9	22	80	10	26	8	55	5	70
Mount Vernon, Bethel and Sedro-Wooley.....	L. W. Steele.....	60	13	73	1	2	12	80	10	27	85	10	16	15	60	6	20	1
TACOMA AND YAKIMA DISTRICTS																		
James Eya, District Elder																		
Bethany and Prosser.....	C. L. Cook, supply.....	10	10	20	1	1	7	25	3	2	80	1	26	1	05	70	5	25
Bay Center and Oysterville.....	James Eya.....	4	4	8	1	1	5	20	3	1	1	20	51	41	30	30	25	35
Buckley and Lake Tapps.....	E. E. Ely.....	16	16	32	1	1	10	38	2	2	40	6	35	3	75	2	50	25
Fort and Renton.....	Roy E. Nichols.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	10	38	2	2	40	1	05	60	10	00	113
Sunnydale.....	F. H. Hureb.....	18	8	26	1	1	3	30	3	4	40	2	88	4	22	1	60	113
Old Blum and Treanway.....	F. H. Anderson.....	11	11	22	1	1	3	30	3	4	40	2	88	4	22	1	60	113
Centerville.....	V. W. Griggs.....	11	11	22	1	1	3	30	3	4	40	2	88	4	22	1	60	113
Tenterville.....	W. C. Griggs.....	44	4	48	1	1	11	43	16	16	40	10	26	8	55	5	70	145
Tenterville.....	W. C. Griggs.....	44	4	48	1	1	11	43	16	16	40	10	26	8	55	5	70	145
Sunnyside and Glades.....	B. F. Smalley.....	41	4	45	2	1	9	63	12	13	80	7	65	6	30	4	20	30
Total.....		737	156	893	26	16	20	162	1170	160	306	55	174	57	114	74	50	53

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# CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20-23, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, President

W. C. SIMPSON, *Secretary*

H. E. BURBANK, *Assistant Secretary*

CLYDE R. EBEBY, *Railroad Secretary*

C. V. CARPENTER, *Treasurer*

S. H. WILLIAMS, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, E. P. Hart, J. E. Cochran, A. K. Main, B. F. Arnett.

*On Reforms*—A. K. Main, H. W. Dobbin, C. Hitt.

*On Education*—L. H. Mulholland, E. P. Hart, Charles Fish.

*On Sunday Schools*—C. H. Loomis, William McCreery, J. A. Main, D. C. Newell.

*On State of the Work*—J. E. Cochran, L. H. Mulholland, William McCreery.

*On Publications*—Clyde R. Ebey, H. L. Kibby, S. H. Williams, L. Glenn Lewis.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—H. W. Dobbins.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—C. H. Loomis, G. B. Phetteplace.

*On Conference Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Wilson T. Hogue, J. E. Cochran, L. H. Mulholland, H. L. Kibby, J. W. Sibole.

*On Memoirs*—Charles Fish, Clyde R. Ebey.

*On Church and Parsonage Property*—Charles Fish, L. Glenn Lewis, C. V. Carpenter.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. V. Carpenter, president, three years; W. C. Simpson, secretary, two years;  
C. H. Loomis, one year.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

L. H. Mulholland, president; A. K. Main, secretary; L. Glen Lewis, treasurer;  
D. S. Stuart, H. L. Kibby.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

L. Glen Lewis, president; Charles Fish, secretary; C. V. Carpenter, treasurer; H. L. Kibby, Charles MacRae.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, fifty cents a member; second quarter, General Missions and Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Permanent Fund.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—H. E. Burbank*On State of the Work*—L. Glenn Lewis*On Sunday Schools*—D. C. Newell*On Education*—Clyde R. Ebey*On Publications*—Charles Fish

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Vera S. Ebey, president, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, California; Mrs. Esther Main, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Lewis, second vice-president; Miss L. Anna Stuart, corresponding secretary, Oakdale, California; Mrs. Carrie M. Carpenter, recording secretary, 1512 14th street, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Ina M. Baird, treasurer, 1109 Park avenue, Alameda, California.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,  
M. L. Winegarden,  
Charles Fish,  
W. C. Simpson,  
L. H. Mulholland,  
D. C. Newell,

J. E. Cochran,  
C. H. Loomis,  
Clyde R. Ebey,  
C. V. Carpenter,  
G. B. Phetteplace,  
L. Glenn Lewis,

W. D. Bishop,  
A. K. Main,  
H. W. Dobbins,  
N. S. Honn,  
S. H. Williams,  
Alfred R. Baxter.

## DELEGATES

William McCreery,  
Cornelia Glenn,  
Charles Hitt,  
Josephine Wilson,

J. W. Sibole,  
B. F. Arnett,  
W. S. Osborn,

J. A. Main,  
S. V. Carter,  
H. L. Kibby.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, J. E. Cochran, H. L. Kibby.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. E. Burbank, Dennis G. Benton, on his certificate of standing from the West Kansas conference.

4, 5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? Charles Fish, G. B. Phetteplace, H. W. Dobbins, D. C. Newell, Alfred R. Baxter.

7. None.

8. Who have located this year? Alfred R. Baxter.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop, S. H. Williams.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. H. Loomis, M. L. Winegarden.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? L. Glenn Lewis, an elder, from the Michigan conference; D. C. Newell, a deacon, from the Southern California conference; Alfred R. Baxter, a deacon, from the Platte River conference; D. G. Benton, on trial, from the West Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? J. E. Cochran.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$250.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left with a committee composed of the following named persons: L. Glenn Lewis, C. V. Carpenter, H. L. Kibby, with instruction that Oak Park, Stockton, California, be given the preference; the time to be as near the first Wednesday in June, 1909, as will suit the plan of the bishop who is to preside.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth session of the California conference was held in connection with a camp-meeting at Oak Park, Stockton, California, May 20-23, 1908.

Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided with great acceptability. There were five sittings, all of which were very harmonious.

We note with sorrow the small decrease in members in full connection, but rejoice that there is a considerable increase in probationers.

J. E. Cochran, our much loved district elder, was granted a certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the Washington conference. L. Glenn Lewis, D. C. Newell, Alfred R. Baxter and D. G. Benton came to us by transfer. H. V. Haslam, of the Oregon conference, took work with us as a supply.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their annual public meeting Saturday afternoon. Bishop Hogue preached the sermon, after which an offering amounting to over \$100 was received.

Clyde R. Ebey represented the publishing house.

## APPOINTMENTS

### SAN JOSE DISTRICT—L. GLENN LEWIS, District Elder

San Jose.....	L. H. Mulholland, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California
Alameda.....	Clyde R. Ebey, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, "
Corralitos.....	H. W. Dobbins, Corralitos, "
Santa Cruz and Aromas.....	H. W. Haslam, supply, Santa Cruz, "
Pacheco.....	To be supplied
Santa Rosa and Windsor.....	G. B. Phetteplace, Santa Rosa, California

E. P. Hart, bishop; N. S. Honn, missionary to China; C. H. Loomis, superannuated, Santa Clara, California; M. L. Winegarden, superannuated, 231 South Delacey street, Pasadena, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Palto Alto, California; S. H. Williams, supernumerary, 1010 College avenue, Alameda, California; J. E. Cochran, given certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; L. Glenn Lewis, member of San José district quarterly conference.

### SACRAMENTO DISTRICT—L. GLENN LEWIS, District Elder

Sacramento..	C. V. Carpenter, 1512 Fourteenth street, Sacramento, California
Ione.....	H. E. Burbank, Ione, "

Oakdale.....	Charles Fish, Oakdale, California
Plymouth.....	H. Richardson, supply, Plymouth, "
Chico.....	E. L. Porter, supply, Chico, "
Stockton.....	D. C. Newell, Stockton, "
Turlock and Ripon.....	D. G. Benton
Hanford.....	W. C. Simpson, 617 North Harris street, Hanford, California

A. K. Main, conference evangelist; Alfred R. Baxter, granted certificate of location, with membership fixed at Hanford, California.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

This year has come and gone like a watch in the night. We can truly say with the poet, "Time speeds away, away, away."

At the beginning of the year the preachers went to their respective fields of labor with the determination to push the battle to the gates, and although some have had to skimp and save, and then have not come out even, yet on the whole they seem to be encouraged.

Last September we held a district camp-meeting at Oak Park, Stockton, the same place that this one is now being held. It was small, but it was conceded by all who attended to have been the best they had attended for years. From this point, the preachers and laity, who were there, went home feeling that there was hope for the California conference. We all went to work, and revivals have been held on almost every circuit in the conference.

Rev. W. C. Graves and Rev. W. E. Shepard held meetings at San Jose, Santa Cruz, Sacramento, Plymouth, Ione and Alameda. We organized a class at Turlock of nine full members and one probationer. After the meeting at Santa Cruz, a class was organized of twelve full members and eight probationers. They want a preacher another year.

The work at Sacramento has been quite discouraging, as they have no parsonage and rents are very high; but Rev. C. V. Carpenter, the pastor, took it upon himself to see what could be done about building a parsonage, and he secured cash amounting to \$295; and with all the labor donated, they have a fine, up-to-date parsonage of five rooms, with bath and pantry, for which we feel like praising God; and we believe we can say the work there is on a permanent basis.

The Plymouth circuit being left to be supplied, E. L. Porter and wife went there about the first of November and were abundant in labors, having two appointments and two Sunday Schools.

We, as a church, have to face on one hand a worldly-conformed, frozen, formal church, that depends on a cultured ministry, who think more of culture than they do of Jesus; who every week read more on art and science than they do the Bible or holy books; who talk more of culture than of holy things, nay, many of them positively loathe a conversation on personal holiness.

The church is idolizing her statistical tables, and is far more anxious to crowd in great numbers than to crowd true holiness into the members. In missionary and anniversary speeches, in the church papers, on the platform, in pulpit, everywhere and always the perpetual changes are rung on "our" big statistics, until it is a stench in the nostrils of the Almighty. The curse of David for gloating over the statistics of Israel, is utterly unheeded by the proud church boasters of this age.

On the other hand, we have to face a world loving, secret society going, dressed-up, so-called holiness. We have come to the conclusion that the Free Methodist church has divinity about her or she would have been deluged in the awful whirlpool of worldliness, and been wrecked on the rocks of formalism long ago.

But, thank God, with a body of self-denying, God-fearing, Holy Ghost preachers who are not depending on mental culture, or statistics, or church



machinery, or ritualism, but in the extreme simplicity in doctrine and worship, and a mighty indwelling of the personal Sanctifier, the Holy Ghost, in the individual souls of the church; and with a backbone like a steel crowbar, that runs right up in front, and with four of the most godly bishops that ever graced the church, who have no compromise, at our backs, we are resolved to "stand by the old landmarks."

And now once more we are blessed with the privilege of meeting in our annual conference. Truly we can say, with one of old:

"Thus far the Lord has let us on,  
Thus far His power prolongs our days;  
And every evening shall make known,  
Some fresh memorial of His grace."

None of our members have been called to their reward this year, and but few of the laity. Although we may never all meet in another annual conference together, yet all may meet where "We'll never say good-by." And, may it be said of us all, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"There let us hope 'tis not in vain,  
Though moistened by our griefs the soil,  
The harvest brings us rest for pain  
The rest repays the weary toil.  
For they shall reap who sow in tears,  
Rich gladness through eternal years."

## II.—ON REFORMS

We, your committee on reforms, submit the following report:

While our main issue as a church is "Holiness unto the Lord," we believe that to stand by this issue involves the defense of everything that makes for the putting down of evil and the uplifting of humanity. If there ever was a time when we needed a reform it is now. In the political, commercial and religious world a general awakening needs to take place. We therefore submit the following for your consideration:

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—The sacredness of the Sabbath is an institution ordained of God for the moral, spiritual and physical well-being of mankind. We, therefore, deplore the spirit of the age that seems to demand the running of theaters, saloons and many kinds of business on Sunday. Irreverence and disregard for the Sabbath of the Lord is alarmingly on the increase. Sunday excursions, base-ball games, and the pursuit of pleasure are rapidly taking the place of religious worship among the masses. Christians of every name should bear their testimony against Sabbath desecration; such as visiting the post-office, writing secular letters, going to the meat-market, reading Sunday papers. This will be a powerful factor in inspiring a proper respect for God's holy day in the minds of the people.

**THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.**—The most gigantic evil in our country at the present time is, without any doubt, the organized and legalized liquor traffic. It is the curse of our fair land. Three-fourths of all crime is traceable to the saloon. The \$1,227,000,000 spent annually is only a small part of the havoc wrought by this monster drink traffic, which defies God, curses man, destroys the family, fills our jails, penitentiaries, asylums and poor-houses. It is a blighting curse to our land, a black spot and a destroyer of soul and body. Therefore, we as a church will, by our prayers, our ballots, and by every legitimate means, do all we can to destroy this monster and drive him to his native hell.

**SECRET SOCIETIES.**—We believe the system of secret societies as it exists to-day to be very selfish, and contrary to the Bible and Christianity. Secret societies are selfish in their nature, false in their teaching and hypocritical

in their pretensions. We believe the position taken by our church toward secret societies is right and scriptural, and should be maintained at any cost.

**DRESS.**—In this age of pride and gaiety we can but see that the tendency is to let down the bars and admit the little foxes which spoil the vines. While the customs and fashions change, and the people are running after them and studying the fashion plates, we believe the one that Paul and Peter gave us is good enough for Christians to follow. We should be neat and plain in our dress; and we should not only follow it ourselves, but we should insist that our children be plain in their attire. If we allow them to wear things which they will have to give up when they are converted, it is less likely that they will ever be converted. While plainness is not a proof of godliness, yet those who are godly will be plain.

**COVETOUSNESS.**—This word may seem harsh, but the anxiety over worldly gain, along with the crowding in of business cares and labors, is liable to crowd out the time and interest we should have in God's cause, resulting in lagging interest and corresponding discouragement in the work of God. Jesus said (Luke 21:34), "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

**SECRET PRAYER.**—We feel there had ought to be more of a spirit of prevailing prayer among us as a church, more of that travail of soul that brings forth spiritual children. Brethren, it is our only hope. Therefore we recommend that one and all go down before God in prayer until He comes in power, and a revival takes place in our midst. Prayer is the key that unlocks heaven.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

### SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOSE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT												
Sacramento.....			\$ 31 55	\$ 1 35	\$ 153 43	\$174	\$ 54 75	\$ 43 53	1	3000	1	\$ 1500
Stockton.....			20 17	65	*200 00		33 60	14 55				
Hanford.....	\$ 2 50	\$ 1 00	29 00	1 35	467 95	100	56 50	53 65	1	750	1	850
Ione.....		9 00	29 64	1 05	346 20	100	55 02	32 70	1	2000	1	1000
Oakdale.....			67 17	1 15	361 00	60	55 65	12 00	1	1500	1	500
Chico.....			35 94	65	166 12		39 11	22 10	1	1000		
Plymouth.....			11 20	60	*173 62		28 40	18 40	1	500	1	300
Turlock and Keyes Switch.....							10 00					
SAN JOSE DISTRICT												
San Jose.....		2 50	55 77	3 50	685 00	120	149 60	85 35	1	4500	1	1250
Alameda.....		6 75	152 76	1 85	488 97	180	87 52	70 50	1	3000	1	3000
Corralitos.....			43 00	2 35	320 00	100	94 50	22 00	1	3000	1	2000
Santa Rosa and Windsor.....					2 90		9 00					
Pacheco.....							14 30		1	500	1	150
Morgan Hill, Gilroy and Aromas.....				25			10 80					
Santa Cruz.....			8 10		*30 20		13 80	45 83				
Total.....	\$ 2 50	\$19 25	\$ 484 30	\$14 75	\$3936 44	\$834	\$712 55	\$ 420 61	10	19750	9	\$10505

\* Also \$50.00 from Conference Mission Board and \$200.00 from other sources.

+ Six months service.

‡ Paid S. P. Hale.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOSE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions Society
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT																		
J. E. Cochran, District Elder																		
Sacramento.....	O. V. Carpenter.....	27	13	40	1	1	1	1	6	40	5	10 80	4 86	3 10	4 05	2 70		\$ 15 66
Stockton.....	A. K. Main.....	10	5	15	1	1	1	1	6	31	1	1 80	2 34	5 20	1 95	1 30		
Hanford.....	W. C. Simpson.....	29	24	53	1	1	1	1	9	59	14	10 80	4 86	10 80	4 05	2 10	\$ 10 45	18 68
Corone.....	H. W. Dobbins.....	23	3	26	1	1	1	1	7	34	7	8 40	3 42	8 40	3 45	2 10		133 75
Oakdale.....	H. E. Burbank, Supply.....	23	3	26	1	1	1	1	9	45	7	8 40	3 42	8 40	3 45	2 10		133 75
Colusa.....	Henry Goodson, Supply.....	27	8	35	1	1	1	1	6	45	3	8 20	3 34	9 60	1 95	1 30		85 62
Placerville.....	Earl Y. Porter.....	17	6	23	1	1	1	1	8	46	3	4 80	2 46	4 80	1 80	1 20		1 00
Turlock and Keyes Switch.....	J. E. Cochran.....	9	1	10	1	1	1	1										
J. E. Cochran, District Elder																		
SAN JOSE DISTRICT																		
J. E. Cochran, District Elder																		
San Jose.....	L. H. Mulholland, Supply.....	66	3	69	1	1	1	1	12	53	24	28 00	12 60	28 00	10 50	7 00	21 60	93 45
Alameda.....	Clyde R. Eby.....	39	9	48	1	2	1	2	15	115	9	14 80	6 66	14 80	5 55	3 70	22 00	30 14
Corralitos.....	Charles Fish.....	32	3	35	1	1	1	1	8	40	6	13 80	8 46	18 80	7 05	4 70		96 30
Santa Rosa and Windsor.....	George B. Phetteplace.....	4		4							2	95	90	1 30				
Pacheco.....	J. E. Cochran.....	5		5	1	1	1	1	4		2	1 75	1 75	2 00				
Morgan Hill, Gilroy and Aronas.....	J. E. Cochran.....	6		6	1	1	1	1			2	5 20	2 34	3 00	1 95	1 30		
Santa Cruz.....	J. E. Cochran.....	12	8	20	2	1	1	2	7	29	2							
Total.....		319	78	397	8	5	14	96	524	86	\$ 120 50	\$ 55 99	\$ 110 86	\$ 46 95	\$ 30 30		\$ 82 55	\$ 474 49

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD IN  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 3-6, 1908.

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

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W. C. GRAVES, *Assistant Secretary*

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C. W. SHAY, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, D. McLeod, C. B. Ebey, L. H. Parker, F. J. Heil, G. W. Griffith.

*On State of the Work*—D. McLeod, F. A. Ames, F. J. Heil, George W. Dickson.

*On Sabbath-schools*—James Craig, S. O. Yelvington, E. G. Allbright, L. H. Parker, Ada Pearce, Bessie McFarland.

*On Publications*—F. H. Horton, A. C. Brown, D. G. Shepard, S. L. Smith, James Cusick, G. W. Pike.

*On Education*—J. B. Freeland, G. W. Griffith, E. Leonardson, L. H. Parker, F. J. Heil.

*On Reforms*—E. Leonardson, W. C. Graves, J. J. Harshman, W. H. Tucker, J. S. B. Nickel, Harry Beamish.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—A. C. Brown, Leslie True, J. W. Marshall.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—L. H. Hahn, S. F. Heilman.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Ministerial Relations*—Wilson T. Hogue, M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland, F. J. Heil, C. O. Cooper.

*On Memoirs*—C. B. Ebey, C. W. Shay, E. Leonardson, Ada Pearce, J. M. Cusick, L. H. Parker.

*Auditing Committee*—James Craig, J. Q. Murray.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Resolutions*—C. W. Shay, J. K. Freeland, J. B. Roberts, James Seals, S. R. Gittins.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Wilson T. Hogue, D. McLeod, C. B. Ebey, C. O. Cooper, James Cusick.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

*On Prohibition*—E. Leonardson, W. C. Graves, J. J. Harshman, W. H. Tucker, J. S. B. Nickle, Harry Beamish.

*To Visit Los Angeles Seminary*—M. N. Downing, A. C. Brown.

*Camp-meeting Committee*—David McLeod, G. W. Griffith, C. B. Ebey, W. C. Graves, M. C. Sperow, L. H. Parker, C. O. Cooper, F. J. Heil, James Craig.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—C. B. Ebey

*On Reforms*—D. G. Shepard

*On Publications*—M. N. Downing

*On Sabbath-schools*—C. W. Shay



**BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY**

E. Leonardson, president, one year; G. W. Griffith, secretary, two years; A. C. Brown, three years.

**BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY**

G. W. Griffith, president; C. O. Cooper, secretary; F. J. Heil, treasurer; D. G. Shepard, E. Leonardson.

**TRUSTEES OF LOS ANGELES FREE METHODIST SEMINARY**

M. C. Sperow, M. L. Winegarden, for one year; D. G. Shepard, H. L. Kibby, for two years; E. Leonardson, J. H. Wyatt, for three years; L. G. Lewis, J. G. Baird, for four years; C. B. Ebey, for five years.

**CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD**

David McLeod, president; M. N. Downing, M. C. Sperow, for one year; D. G. Shepard, E. Leonardson, F. J. Heil, for two years; G. W. Griffith, secretary and treasurer; C. B. Ebey, C. O. Cooper, for three years.

**OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Mrs. Emma F. Shay, president, Hermon, California; Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, vice-president, Hermon, California; Mrs. M. E. Heilman, recording secretary, Sawtelle, California; Mrs. Gertrude M. Downing, corresponding secretary, Whittier, California; Mrs. Clara R. Freeland, treasurer, 718 Elizabeth street, Pasadena, California; Mrs. Jennie C. McLeod, superintendent of Juniors, 1521 Paloma street, Los Angeles, California.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

**PREACHERS**

C. B. Ebey.	S. O. Yelvington,	Lewis H. Hahn,
David McLeod,	C. L. Hewitt,	S. F. Heilman,
James Seals,	J. B. Freeland,	Leslie True,
J. B. Roberts,	James Craig,	J. W. Marshall,
F. A. Ames,	Clark W. Shay,	A. C. Brown,
S. R. Gittins,	G. W. Griffith,	H. Beamish,
D. G. Shepard,	W. C. Graves,	J. D. Bullock,
Elsworth Leonardson,	J. Q. Murray,	W. E. Shepard,
E. G. Allbright,	W. E. Stuart,	D. D. Dodge,
J. K. Freeland,	N. B. Ghormley,	H. G. Ahlemeyer,
M. N. Downing,	L. W. Rubardt,	J. O. Hockett,
F. H. Horton.		

[Woman evangelist having a seat by vote of conference in harmony with section 3 of paragraph 147 of the Discipline: Ada Pearce.]

**DELEGATES**

J. J. Harshman,	J. S. B. Nickle,	G. W. Pike,
L. H. Parker,	S. L. Smith,	Bessie McFarland,
J. M. Cusick,	C. O. Cooper,	William Blumfield,
W. H. Tucker,	F. J. Heil,	E. H. Harris,
George W. Dickson.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, D. McLeod, C. O. Cooper.

3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12. None.

6. Who are the deacons? E. G. Allbright, of the second class: J. O. Hockett.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. G. Shepard, S. O. Yelvington, L. H. Hahn, Leslie True, J. D. Bullock.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. L. Hewitt, W. E. Stuart, L. H. Rubardt, J. B. Freeland, F. H. Horton, James Seals, S. R. Gittins, J. B. Roberts.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. D. Bullock, an elder, from the East Michigan conference; A. C. Brown, an elder, from the West Kansas conference; H. Beamish, an elder, from the Columbia River conference; S. F. Heilman, an elder, from the Pittsburg conference; Leslie True, an elder, from the Missouri conference; J. W. Marshall, an elder of the Colorado conference; D. D. Dodge, an elder of the Columbia River conference; J. O. Hockett, a deacon, from the Oregon conference; H. G. Ahlemeyer, an elder of the Central Illinois conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? N. B. Ghormley, to the South Africa conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? N. J. Davis, W. T. Warren, E. Cook.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. B. Roberts, \$130; C. L. Hewitt, \$45; W. E. Stuart, \$100; L. H. Rubardt, \$80; J. B. Freeland, \$150; F. H. Horton, \$130; James Seals, \$150; S. R. Gittins, \$90; Mrs. Minnie Warren, \$150; Mrs. Edith Davis and six children, \$250.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In connection with a camp-meeting at Hermon, the time to be fixed by the following committee acting in conjunction with the presiding bishop: D. McLeod, C. B. Ebey, G. W. Griffith, W. C. Graves.

## APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—DAVID McLEOD, District Elder, 1521 Paloma street, Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles, First Church.....	G. W. Griffith, Hermon, California
Hermon and Highland Park.....	C. B. Ebey, " "
Pasadena and LaManda Park.....	W. C. Graves, " "
Whittier .....	M. N. Downing, Whittier, " "
Santa Ana.....	J. Craig, 315 Fruit street, Santa Ana, " "
Sawtelle.....	S. F. Heilman, Sawtelle, " "
Garden Grove.....	L. T. Prose, supply, Garden Grove, " "
Watts and Compton.....	J. Q. Murray, Etta Murray, supply

Monte Vista.....J. T. Wornem, supply, Sunland, California  
 Monrovia.....Ada Pearce, supply, Monrovia, "  
 San Diego.....J. W. Marshall, 917 Beach street, San Diego, "  
 Escondido .....D. D. Dodge, Escondido, "  
 Nipoma, Los Berros and Santa Maria

Harry Beamish, Luella Betts Beamish, supply, Nipoma, "  
 Pomona, Ontario and Uplands.....E. G. Allbright, Pomona, "  
 Riverside .....A. C. Brown

J. K. Freeland, C. W. Shay, teachers in Los Angeles Seminary: W. E. Shepard, J. O. Hockett, H. G. Ahlemeyer, conference evangelists; E. Leonardson, temperance evangelist; J. B. Roberts, S. R. Gittins, James Seals, W. E. Stuart, F. H. Horton, J. B. Freeland, C. L. Hewitt, L. W. Rubardt, superannuated; D. G. Shepard, S. O. Yelvington, L. H. Hahn, J. D. Bullock, Leslie True, supernumeraries; N. B. Ghormley, given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to the South Africa conference.

ARIZONA DISTRICT—F. A. AMES, District Elder, 439 East Adams street, Phoenix, Arizona

Phoenix and Liberty.....F. A. Ames

### LOCAL ELDERS

T. T. McCall, 1625 East 48th street, J. M. Cusick....Whittier, California  
 Los Angeles, California. J. S. B. Nickle..Monrovia, "  
 A. D. Noyes, Station A., Pasadena, A. B. Gill, 822 West Walnut street,  
 California. Santa Ana, California.  
 J. W. Buckner....Hermon, California J. T. Wornem....Sunland, California

### LOCAL DEACONS

J. G. Baird.....Hermon, California J. G. Wilson....Whittier, "  
 Cyrus E. Marsh...Hermon, California

### LOCAL PREACHERS

L. T. Prose..Garden Grove, California A. L. Grinnell, 725 East 25th street,  
 George W. Dixon..Glendale, Arizona Los Angeles, California.  
 Frank M. Hollenbeck, Liberty, Ari- D. Jefcoat, 1142 East Vernon avenue,  
 zona. Los Angeles, California.  
 D. B. Haner.....Liberty, Arizona Leslie J. Reed....Hermon, California  
 W. Q. Abbott, 1735 Third street, San O. J. Green.....Toledo, Iowa  
 Diego, California.

### CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. M. H. Freeland, Hermon, California Mrs. Etta Murray  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, Hermon, California Mrs. Emma F. Shay, Hermon, California.  
 Mrs. Luella Betts Beamish, Nipoma, California.  
 Virginia Walter, Garden Grove, California Bertha Ahlemeyer, Hermon, California

### EVANGELISTS

Elizabeth Allbright, Pomona, California Mrs. Sarah Dubig, 423 East 7th  
 street, Los Angeles, California.  
 Mary C. Bundy, Santa Maria, California D. W. Anderson...Garvanza, California  
 E. L. Lovejoy, 706 East 5th street, Nora F. Adams, 288 North 11th street,  
 Los Angeles, California. San Jose, California.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in connection with a camp-meeting in Mineral Park, Los Angeles. There were seven sittings. A spirit of unity and harmony prevailed. Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided with his usual grace and dignity and was greatly blest in preaching.

A very impressive memorial service was held in memory of N. J. Davis, W. T. Warren, E. Cook, E. E. Ely and Mrs. May E. Griffith.

A very special feature of the conference was the educational service held on Saturday. A very able report on education was presented by the committee, several addresses were given and a very able and inspiring address on Christian education was given by Bishop Hogue. In a few moments nearly \$500 was pledged for the school to cover the deficiency in current expenses.

The conference elected as fraternal delegate to the Council of the Holiness Church of Christ, David McLeod. C. B. Ebey was elected alternate.

The conference by vote requested Bishop Hogue to transfer Rev. E. E. Shelhamer to the conference as soon as he shall receive his certificate of standing.

The order of collections for next year is as follows: First quarter, Conference Missions (50 cents); second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund, American Bible Society.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$244.00.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$73.20.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$48.80.

BISHOP'S SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$87.84.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$34.40.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$22.60.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$26.84.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$77.90.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—Paid, \$19.42.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—From conference, \$195.20; from S. K. J. Chesbro, \$579.80; total, \$775.00.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—\$1.80.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON REFORMS

Since God transformed into an Eden the world which was void and without form, which man straightway lost, the world has been badly in need of reforming. Following closely the trend of human events, there have always been reformers, working out each and severally their plans of reform. God himself is a reformer, while unnumbered heroes, both illustrious and unknown in the wilderness of the world, have blazed the way of reform, and hewn a path for those more dull of sight and slow of speech to follow.

SECRECY.—Born of an urgent need was our little Zion. The parent church had lost her high ideal and was slackening her pace to keep step with the world. Pride and worldliness ever creeping in, while secrecy had become the ruling power which it is to-day, corrupting church and state, thwarting justice and protecting guilt. In this reform our church has always hewn to the line. Let us see that there is no backward step, no compromise in this vital question.

DRESS.—This is an era of extravagance. Fashion's votaries are running riot in our streets. Never was more urgent need of reform in dress than at the present. Let us advocate and practise simplicity in attire and maintain the Scriptural standard of modesty in apparel.



**TOBACCO.**—We believe the use of tobacco in any and every form is sin, and detrimental to health, decency and good breeding. Let us continue as we have done since our early existence as a denomination to give the tobacco devil no quarter.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—A proper observance of the Sabbath is a most vital need. The desecration of God's holy day is apparent on every hand. The crowded cars and beaches, the demoralizing Sunday newspaper, the open theater and dens of vice, the lack of proper state laws and the failure to enforce those we have—all have their influence upon the young who are fast growing up a nation of Sabbath-breakers. We should not fail to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

**PROHIBITION.**—Last but not least we come to that "sum of all villainies," the legalized liquor traffic. We have reason to glory in the fact that our church has stood nobly shoulder to shoulder during the dark days when victory seemed so far away that only the eye of faith could behold it. Often has the question been asked, "Do you think it will ever come?" Always we have answered by voice and vote in the affirmative. We believed God and it has been "counted for righteousness." Having been so long in the minority it will be a new sensation when, ere long—we repeat it—ERE LONG, we shall be of the majority. Long years ago from the southland boomed the guns of Sumpter firing the land with resentment. Now on southern breezes are borne the sound of other guns—heralding the glad news as state after state wheels into line for prohibition—filling the land, not with anger or resentment, but with hallelujahs. Do we fully realize how rapidly is coming the answer to our prayers, the fruition of our hopes? While to a man we are PROHIBITIONISTS, we can work a little harder—double our diligence. Not in the least disparaging the grandeur and necessity of the missionary cause in which our church is taking a noble part, we are not doing our whole duty to the prohibition cause if we do less for this than the other. And we trust we may be pardoned if we say MORE in the present crisis. "New occasions teach new duties." Changed conditions entail greater responsibilities. In this fight God *demands* OUR ALL. Not only should we vote for prohibition, but your committee feel that our people should be urged to take more interest in the primaries and conventions and attend them whenever possible.

## II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school should be one of the most important auxiliaries of the church. There is no better nor more promising field for Christian effort than in the Sunday-school and among the youth.

But the work is of such a character and of such vast importance that all classes should be embraced in and, as far as possible, take an active part in some department of the Sunday-school. The pastors, especially, should put forth strenuous efforts to make the Sunday-school a success in every respect.

The most important and essential study in which the mind of man can be engaged is the Bible. Here we have a correct and comprehensive revelation of the character of the true God, and of the work and purpose of creation, and the redemption of man with a history of God's dealings with His people until the Christ came, who brought life and immortality to light.

The Sunday-school teacher should diligently and prayerfully seek to accomplish two things:

First, to instill into the mind of the pupil the facts and truth of the Bible with a correct understanding of the same. Second, to lead the pupil to fully submit to the will of God as revealed in the Bible, and by faith accept of Christ for present salvation from sin.

The Sunday-school should be so conducted in all its departments as not to detract in any way from these two objects.

The teacher, should, as far as possible, seek to qualify himself or herself for the work of teaching by becoming somewhat conversant with such books as "Binney's Theological Compound," "Hurlbut's Biblical Geography" and other books on the history and customs of Bible times, and also some reliable book on the science and art of teaching. We would recommend to all

Sunday-school teachers "Handbook for Sunday-school Workers," by Rev. W. B. Ohmstead.

The Sunday-school is not a singing school, but a Bible school; not a place of amusement or to provide entertainment, but a place for earnest and prayerful work with a definite purpose in view.

The work of the Sunday-school hour should be principally concentrated on the Bible lesson for the day. The children should occasionally have an opportunity to decide publicly for Christ, and much prayer should be offered up to God for their early conversion.

We approve of the "Ten Points of Excellence" as recommended by our general conference Sunday-school secretary.

We feel ourselves highly favored by having such good Sunday-school literature as is issued by our own publishing house, and would recommend that it be used in preference to all others.

Last year our conference reported a membership of 488, and the number of Sunday-school pupils, teachers and officers as being 1,054.

In proportion to our membership our Sunday-schools are numerically in the front rank of the Sunday-schools in the Free Methodist church.

We would hope that in other respects we will not lag behind.

### III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

We are deeply grateful to God for his goodness and mercy during the year just closed. We come with praise and thanksgiving before him and say, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

In general the work is in a good condition. Our people are loyal to our principles and church, and stand for separation from the world in custom, costume and association; hence they stand for civic and business righteousness, simplicity of apparel and separation from all secret orders.

They stand for spirituality in worship in all of its departments. We do not believe in the merely sensational, but we do believe in and urge the people to seek for the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit in his full baptism.

We pre-eminently stand for PRACTICAL holiness unto the Lord.

The pastors have in general done excellent work; they have maintained their charges and made some progress against proselyters, comeouters, and worldly churches.

In several of the societies a spirit of revival of deep spirituality prevails, and the societies are looking into the future with faith and courage.

The conference appointed Rev. W. C. Graves as conference evangelist. He associated with himself Rev. W. E. Shepard. As a result of their labors two new societies have been raised up. One is at Watts, which is an earnest and spiritual body; one at Riverside where they are earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. They also held a meeting at Sawtelle and one at Santa Ana and one at Hermon with good results.

Rev. C. B. Ebey, the pastor at Whittier, has built a neat and commodious parsonage of five rooms at a cost of about \$1,100, about \$130 of which is unprovided for.

At Watts, Rev. S. F. Heilman has built a neat new church, 24x30, at a cost of \$575, on a lot 28x125. All the bills on the church have been paid and about \$150 provided toward the lot, leaving an indebtedness on the church property of \$200. The society have also purchased a lot next to the church lot, 25x125, for \$350 for a parsonage, to be paid for in instalments.

Riverside needs a church edifice very much. They have an offer of the one where they now worship (the Seven Day Baptist church) for \$2,200, with a seating capacity of about 200, toward which \$765 has been subscribed.

We consider one of the greatest needs of our work in the conference to be a new church in Los Angeles which the local society have taken the preliminary steps to build on the old site on East 6th street.

There is continued need of financial aid in all departments; for evangelization and to care for the work when done, new churches must be built and some help to support a pastor and to establish themselves. Yet no so-

ciety should permit itself to feel that it must be carried, but they should expect the Lord to so help them that they would succeed and have the confidence and support of the community.

The W. F. M. Society has during the past year done a vast amount of work in raising money, but their good work has not been confined to raising money. They have held four all-day conventions and awakened a large amount of interest in missions. We observe that where the keenest interest is felt in foreign missions is where the greatest interest is felt in the home work.

The Los Angeles Seminary is not the least of the things that are doing good and helping to build up our work in the conference. Surely our young people are highly favored in the opportunity they have to obtain a thorough Christian education under the direction of consecrated Christian teachers.

The Olive Branch Mission in Los Angeles has been handicapped from the beginning for lack of a regular superintendent. We believe this agency for good can be and ought to be made a powerful factor for the help of the fallen. A number have claimed to find help.

While we regret there are some who are not as simple and plain as we could wish, yet we rejoice at the continued stand and strong conviction in this direction and urge our people to stand out for the old paths and walk therein. We would urge our people to lay all the services to heart; preach, pray, sing, testify and exhort in the spirit under the unction of divine anointing. We need to put our souls into all we do if we would have it effective.

As in the past may we not in the future look for salvation in our midst? We are sure we can if as ministers and laymen we faithfully do our *whole* duty.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

### LOS ANGELES AND ARIZONA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
<b>LOS ANGELES DISTRICT</b>												
Los Angeles, First Church.....	\$ 7 00	\$ 4 55	\$ 103 02	\$ 4 45	\$ 764 52	180	\$ 135 00	.....	1	\$ 15000	1	\$10000
Hermon and Highland Park.....	.....	5 60	234 31	5 30	840 00	.....	135 00	\$ 24 30	1	4500	.....	.....
Pasadena and La Minda Park.....	5 00	1 75	191 15	3 45	533 97	192	97 33	46 44	1	6235	1	1050
Santa Ana.....	2 55	9 89	33 51	2 30	390 53	180	85 67	93 02	1	3000	1	3000
Whittier.....	.....	.....	28 00	1 75	304 59	50	60 00	21 00	1	3400	1	1100
Sawtelle.....	2 55	2 00	48 00	1 65	404 31	.....	61 00	83 20	.....	1800	.....	.....
San Diego.....	.....	.....	45 00	1 10	375 00	100	37 30	.....	1	3500	1	1500
Monte Vista.....	.....	.....	.....	25	101 87	.....	20 50	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
Garden Grove.....	75	.....	.....	75	142 43	75	.....	.....	1	1000	1	600
Nipomo and Santa Maria.....	.....	.....	.....	75	337 08	.....	34 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monrovia.....	.....	.....	.....	35	193 86	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Compton and Watts.....	.....	.....	27 06	50	.....	.....	32 40	12 00	1	700	.....	.....
Riverside.....	.....	1 15	18 20	.....	57 08	.....	5 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>ARIZONA DISTRICT</b>												
Phoenix, Glendale and Liberty..	3 60	3 05	64 80	1 80	700 00	50	86 10	145 00	2	4500	2	600
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$21 45</b>	<b>\$27 99</b>	<b>\$ 793 05</b>	<b>\$24 40</b>	<b>\$5145 24</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>\$ 792 95</b>	<b>\$ 421 96</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$ 44635</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$17860</b>

Raised for American Bible Society: Los Angeles, \$9.50; Hermon and Highland Park, \$2.00; Santa Ana, \$4.70; Phoenix, etc., \$3.00.

For Los Angeles Seminary—Whittier, \$35.00.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

## LOS ANGELES AND ARIZONA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT																		
	David McLeod, District Elder																	
Los Angeles, First Church.....	M. N. Downing.....	102	19	121	4	2	1	29	139	31	35 60	16 02	44 50	13 35	8 90	.....	10 00	\$350 74
Hermion and Highland Park.....	G. W. Griffith.....	108	7	115	5	5	1	13	235	40	42 40	19 08	53 00	15 30	10 60	.....	.....	989 24
Pasadena and La Manda Park.....	D. G. Shepard.....	170	7	177	1	1	1	20	232	18	27 60	13 42	34 50	10 35	6 30	.....	5 00	172 77
Santa Ana.....	J. Craig.....	39	13	52	1	1	1	7	43	12	18 40	8 28	23 00	6 90	4 00	.....	39 20	61 77
San Gabriel.....	J. B. Key.....	30	4	34	1	1	1	7	24	11	13 20	6 04	17 50	4 35	3 30	.....	.....	303 45
San Diego.....	Adrian supply.....	30	4	34	1	1	1	7	24	11	13 20	6 04	17 50	4 35	3 30	.....	.....	109 82
Monte Vista.....	J. W. Marshall.....	18	6	24	1	1	2	10	42	5	8 80	3 96	11 00	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	149 64
Garden Grove.....	J. T. Wornom, supply.....	8	0	8	0	0	0	4	1	1	1 85	.....	2 50	75	50	.....	2 10	.....
Nipomo and Santa Maria.....	D. C. Newell.....	16	4	20	1	1	1	8	28	6	6 00	2 70	7 50	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Monrovia.....	L. H. Hahn.....	15	15	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 00	2 70	7 50	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Compton and Watts.....	D. McLeod.....	5	1	6	1	1	1	6	20	8	4 00	1 80	5 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	35 20
Riverside.....	S. F. Heilman.....	17	1	18	1	1	1	6	20	8	4 00	1 80	5 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
	J. B. Freeland.....	13	7	20	1	1	1	7	28	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA DISTRICT																		
	David McLeod, District Elder																	
Phoenix, Glendale and Liberty.....	F. A. Ames.....	36	5	41	3	2	2	10	102	12	13 82	6 48	18 00	5 40	3 60	.....	15 60	35 00
Total.....		508	73	582	17	11	15	128	1010	166	193 17	87 18	243 00	72 90	48 60	.....	71 90	2067 61

# SOUTH AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ITEMBA  
MISSION STATION, ALFRED COUNTY, NATAL,  
SOUTH AFRICA, APRIL 8-14, 1908

## OFFICERS

J. W. HALEY, *President*

JULES RYFF, *Secretary and Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—J. W. Haley, Lucy A. Hartman, John Ogle.

*On Reforms*—J. W. Haley, Carroll Smith, Tom Hayes.

*On Education*—A. E. Haley, Jules Ryff, Mpolosa Mqadi.

*On State of the Work*—Jules Ryff, J. W. Haley, Carroll Smith.

*On Sunday-schools*—Lucy A. Hartman, W. A. Backenstoe, John Ogle.

*On Examining Quarterly Conference Records*—A. E. Haley, Tom Hayes, Mpolosa Mqadi.

*On Conference Claims*—Carroll Smith, Mrs. L. A. Agnew, Jakobe Dindikazi.

*On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes*—A. E. Haley.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—Jules Ryff.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—F. Grace Allen

*On Sunday-schools*—Lucy A. Hartman

*On Conference Claims*—Carroll Smith

*On Examining Quarterly Conference*

*On Education*—J. W. Haley

*Records*—A. E. Haley

*On State of the Work*—G. G. Kessel

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. W. Haley, 1909; Jules Ryff, 1910; A. E. Haley, 1911.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS AND MISSIONARIES

J. W. Haley,

Jules Ryff,

Mrs. L. A. Agnew,

J. P. Brodhead,

W. A. Backenstoe,

F. Grace Allen,

A. E. Haley,

Lucy A. Hartman,

Margaret A. Nickel,

Carroll Smith.

### DELEGATES

Manxeba Kumalo,

Tom Hayes,

John Ogle,

Mpolosa Mqadi,

Jacob Ndindikazi.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. W. Haley, Carroll Smith, Jules Ryff, F. Grace Allen, Lucy A. Hartman.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. A. Backenstoe.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? A. E. Haley.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. E. Haley.

8, 9, 10. None.



11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? G. G. Kessel, an elder, from the West Kansas conference.

12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Have they during the past year discharged their duty to God, themselves and one another? The character of each preacher and missionary present was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-19. See statistics of foreign missions.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Fair View, the time of which is to be decided upon by the district elders and the secretary.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The members of this session of the annual conference, and the visitors as well, will always have a pleasant recollection of their visit at Itemba. The free hospitality of the members of the Itemba class in entertaining the native delegates and visitors marked an advance in the social relations of our native brethren; and the spirit of love and unity that prevailed all through the conference was probably more noticeable than at any previous session. There was not a jar throughout the whole session.

Many new rules were introduced this year, which tended to make the management of the conference rather difficult; but the chairman being characteristically an impartial man, and endowed with keen insight, overcame the difficulties grandly, and presided to the complete satisfaction of all.

Not so much fruit of the meetings was seen as would have been desired. There were a great number who were quickened and established, and the missionaries were especially refreshed by frequent showers of blessings; but all, perhaps, regretted that no greater break had been seen among the heathen. But the power of God was manifest, and while the heathen did not yield, they must have received an impression that will not soon be erased from their memory.

One of the most remarkable providences of God in this gathering was the weather. Nearly all the missionaries had to sleep in tents, and as it was the beginning of the cold season, they were thankful for the clear sky and the moderate winds that prevailed during the time of their tenting out. No sooner had all the people gotten to their homes, however, than the rain began to fall in floods, such as had not been seen in Africa for twenty years. Had it come a week sooner, there would have been great hardships to endure. The Lord be praised for his wonderful care and his many blessings.

## APPOINTMENTS

INLAND DISTRICT—G. G. KESSEL, District Elder

Itemba Mission Station, Natal...Lucy A. Hartman, Maude Cretors, associate

Native evangelists: John Ogle, Maciana Mgati, Umvakwendhlu Cele,

Edwaleni Mission Station, Natal

W. A. Backenstoe, Mary Backenstoe, associate

Native evangelist: Andrew Zondi.

Greenville Training School, Pondoland...N. B. Ghormley, principal;

Rachel B. Ghormley, associate; Margaret A. Nickel, assistant teacher

- Greenville Mission Station.....Margaret A. Nickel, supply  
 Evangelist: Masala Nyaose.  
 Baleni Mission Station, Pondoland.....To be supplied  
 Evangelist: Paul Cele.  
 Ibisi Mission Station, East Griqualand..A. E. Haley, Matilda Haley, associate  
 Native evangelist: Julius Pahla.

## COAST DISTRICT—G. G. KESSEL, District Elder

Fair View Mission Station, Natal.

G. G. Kessel; Mrs. G. G. Kessel, Lillie A. Agnew, associates  
 The Girls' Home.....F. Grace Allen; Maggie LaBarre, associate  
 J. P. Brodhead and Anna S. Brodhead, on furlough in America; mem-  
 bers of Coast District quarterly conference; G. G. Kessel, member of Coast  
 District quarterly conference.

Native evangelists: Alfred Joyce, Mpolosa Mqadi.

## INHAMBANE DISTRICT—J. W. HALEY, District Elder

Roberts Memorial Mission, Portuguese Africa.

Carroll Smith; Rosa H. Smith, Jennie Haley, Ethel Cook, associates

Native evangelists: Charlie Jose, Philip Mbate, Elias Damau, July  
 Tsambo, Tom Hayes, Antonio Cassimo, Frank Makatela, Thomas Nkumbi,  
 Thomas Magaza, Joseph Nganyana, Paul Matabele, James Maluleka, Matu  
 Ngumani, Paul Ngumani, Jacob Malanzela, Stefana Nyeketa, Isaiah Shene-  
 lani, Simone Mawele, James Machine, Isaiah Masekwane, Benjamin Gwabana,  
 Palidge, Isaka Ngumane.

## JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT—J. W. HALEY, District Elder

Umusa Mission Station, Germiston, Transvaal, Knights Deep, Ginsberg and  
 Springs.....Jules Ryff; Lilla E. Ryff, Ole Kragerud, Nellie Reed,  
 associates.

Native evangelists: Simone Tembe, Titus Madimu, William Zabali,  
 Mateu Gumadi.

J. W. Haley, member of Inhambane district quarterly conference.

# COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON, APRIL 15-18, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

J. E. BRADLEY, *Secretary*

O. F. DEFOE, *Assistant Secretary*

J. E. BRADLEY, *Treasurer*

O. F. DEFOE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Nominations*—E. W. Achilles, O. F. DeFoe, J. E. Bradley.

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles, W. H. Boddy.

*On Publications*—E. M. Norris, S. S. Parris, E. W. Achilles.

*On Education*—J. E. Bradley, H. Beamish, H. S. Smith.

*On Sunday-schools*—O. F. DeFoe, Guy Denney, Will Plumlee.

*On Reforms*—Guy Denney, J. N. Wood.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On State of the Work*—The district elders.

*On Home Missions*—The stationing committee.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—F. W. Dickey, Albert Dingle.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—J. N. Wood.

*On Claimants and Claims*—Wilson T. Hogue, A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles, H. S. Smith, S. S. Parris.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. M. Bean, president; H. S. Smith, secretary; S. S. Parris, treasurer; Guy Denney, E. W. Achilles.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Guy Denney, for five years; E. M. Norris, for four years; O. F. DeFoe, for two years; E. W. Achilles, for three years; D. D. Dodge, for one year.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—

*On Reforms*—Ira Brown

*On Sunday-schools*—Guy Denney

*On State of the Work*—The district elders

*On Publications*—

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries; second quarter, Conference Claimants', Permanent Fund; third quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Mary Clink, St. John, Washington; vice-president, Mrs. Esther Brown, Chewelah, Washington; recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie DeFoe, Sprague, Washington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary DeFoe; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Atkinson, 1111 Knox avenue, Spokane, Washington; superintendent Junior work, Mrs. Mary Clink.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

J. S. Bradley,  
E. W. Achilles,  
O. F. DeFoe,  
E. M. Norris,  
A. M. Bean,  
G. R. Stamp.

H. Beamish,  
J. N. Wood,  
J. E. Bradley,  
D. D. Dodge,  
Guy Denney,

S. R. Sayre,  
C. F. Denney,  
Ira Brown,  
Lee Daily,  
W. H. Boddy.

### DELEGATES

Lizzie Schermer,  
W. R. Plumlee,  
H. S. Smith,

S. S. Parris,  
Maggie Denney,  
Paul Stewart,

Albert S. Dingle,  
D. W. Hathaway,  
Frank W. Dickey.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles, H. S. Smith, S. S. Parris.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Paul Stewart, J. E. Clink.

4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Goode, E. H. Stayt.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. H. Boddy.

6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Boddy, Ira Brown.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have been located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. R. Stamp.

10. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers? J. S. Bradley.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Ira Brown, from the West Ontario conference; Lee Daily, from the Nebraska conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. Beamish, J. N. Wood, D. D. Dodge.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical table and conference treasurer's report.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, \$150; Lenora Edwards, \$75.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? In Spokane, Washington, as near the first Wednesday in April, 1909, as consistent with the plans of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder, Colville, Washington

Spokane and Spokane Mission.....	W. H. Boddy, W. B. VanValin, supply
Clark's Fork.....	To be supplied
Tyler and Greir.....	To be supplied
Sprague, Lord's Valley and Harrington.....	O. F. DeFoe
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.....	E. H. Stayt

C. F. Denney, left without appointment, according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

**COLVILLE DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder**

Colville and Orin.....C. M. DeFoe  
Chewelah .....Ira Brown  
Daisy and Maud.....Lee Dally  
Kettle Falls and Orient.....To be supplied

A. M. Bean, member of Colville district quarterly conference; J. S. Bradley, superannuated.

**WALLA WALLA DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder.  
Weston, Oregon**

Athena and Waterman.....J. E. Bradley  
Pomeroy .....To be supplied  
Penawawa and Willow Creek.....Guy Denney  
St. John, Cotton Wood and Millada.....J. E. Clink, Mary Clink, supply  
Tekoa and Summervale.....To be supplied  
Sanders and Emida.....J. W. Goode

S. R. Sayre, left without appointment, according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline; E. W. Achilles, member of Walla Walla district quarterly conference.

**BOISE DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder**

Boise .....E. M. Norris  
Caldwell and Deer Flat.....Paul Stewart  
Parma and Payette.....To be supplied

H. Beamish and D. D. Dodge, granted certificate of their good standing with a view of transferring to the Southern California conference; J. N. Wood, granted a certificate of his good standing with a view to transfer to the California conference.

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mary Clink,  
Esther Brown,

H. Luella B. Beamish,  
Marietta Barnhart.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$120.80.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$15.10.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$45.30.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$54.36.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$30.20.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS FUND—Assessed and paid, \$75.50.

PAID TO CLAIMANTS—\$225.

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND appropriated as follows: E. M. Norris, \$30;  
J. W. Goode, \$30; Guy Denney, \$15.50.

To PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$15.75.

Subscriptions, to the amount of \$567, to be used within the conference, during the ensuing year, for evangelistic purposes, were pledged.

Raised by the W. F. M. S. during the past year, \$546.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirteenth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church at Colville, Washington. Bishop Hogue presided with his usual ability, and all but surpassed himself when preaching the sacred word. He preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power.

The people of Colville seemed greatly enthused over the fact of an an-



nual conference being held there, and were interested in the social meetings and business sittings as well.

The Spirit of the Master prevailed throughout the session. The preachers, nearly all of whom were moved, went to their new fields with strong faith and high hopes for a year of victory.

The conference took a step in advance in electing a Sunday-school secretary.

A. M. Bean, W. H. Boddy and O. W. Fraker were elected a committee to ascertain the status of the church property at Clark's Fork, Idaho, and make recommendation concerning the same at the next session.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

We believe at present there is more of a united effort, on the part of pastors and members of the church, to "enlarge the place of our tents, lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes," in the great Sunday-school work.

We are glad to note this; and we hope to continue the fulfilment of Scripture as quoted in Isaiah: "For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall possess the nations."

The Sunday-school should be a conveyor to the church; and on its endless chain of fifty-two Sabbaths, as the years roll round, bring our children to a close relationship with their heavenly Father; and with the church.

We wish to call attention to personal work in connection with the salvation of the children. We know that the continuance, furtherance and spread of the doctrine of Scriptural holiness lies in the salvation of our children. What a field of glorious opportunity and labors is open before the Sunday-school teacher!

Again, note with us the leniency in requiring but little if anything from the scholars in the class. Bibles should be in the hands of all that can read; and portions of Scripture committed to memory. These will in after years prove a blessing. Would you think it strange to say that out of a Sunday-school of fifty members, not more than three or four could repeat the golden text without first consulting their quarterly or lesson leaf?

Some time ago we were very much taken up with the interest and thoroughness manifested on the part of both teacher and pupils, while listening to a Catholic lady instructing her Sunday-school. It was surprising to see how those little folks would continue to repeat portions of the doctrine and principles of the Catholic church until they had committed them to memory.

One place we read, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." We would recommend that catechisms be secured and our children instructed in the same. Also, that some time be given during each session of the Sunday-school to instruct the intermediate classes in our articles of religion as recorded in our book of Discipline.

Again, for the success of our Sunday-school much depends upon the homes. If we should ask the question, Can we dispense with the Sunday-school? the answer would be in the negative. How about the representation from our homes? Is it in a body from the youngest to the oldest? It seems that some of our people get the idea that the Sunday-school is only for the children, so they lie in bed until a late hour Sabbath morning. Then in the few minutes that is left to get ready, they get out of sorts, scold the children, and manage to get to church about prayer time. Is it any wonder our children are not more interested in the Sunday-school? At this time, when baseball, excursions, outings and other evils are practised on the Sabbath, ought we not to set the example by being regular and punctual in attending the Sabbath-school?

Again, we notice so much irreverence shown in the house of God. Children of Free Methodist parents running and romping in the church before

and after service. Lev. 26:2 reads, "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary."

We would recommend that helps such as blackboards, maps, charts and literature published by our own church be used.

We are glad to hear of the progress of the Sunday-school work in our church through the efforts of our general conference secretary, Rev. William B. Olmstead, and recommend that a secretary be elected in this conference to coöperate with him in this work.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Spokane .....			\$ 95 00	\$ 1 60	\$ 623 00		\$104 00		1	2000	1	\$ 1500
Tekoa and Summervale .....			22 35	75	94 00		15 00	\$ 6 00	1	1500	1	
Sanders and Emida .....				35	36 90		20 00				1	300
Penawawa and Willow Creek .....	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 65	9 50	75	216 34		84 45	27 30	2	1200	1	600
St. John, Willada and Cottonwo'd .....				1 25	425 58		85 00				1	800
Sprague and Lord's Valley .....	1 00		4 00	60	322 71		47 41	31 22	1	675		
Tyler and Greir .....			20 00		105 00		37 37	12 00	1	600	1	400
Colville .....			124 47	2 35	698 22		154 46	63 60	2	2100	1	200
Chewelah .....			20 00	95	281 83		93 25	15 85	1	1000	1	600
Daisy and Maud .....	1 00		7 85	82	265 62		40 05		1	1200		
Kettle Falls and Orient .....												
Boise .....				30						2200		
Parma and Payette .....			8 50	25	150 05		44 80		1			
Caldwell and Deer Flat .....			28 00	35	115 18		38 00	25 08				
Athena and Waterman .....	2 50				512 79		60 00	84 17			1	1200
Total .....	\$ 9 50	\$ 4 65	\$ 339 67	\$10 32	\$3837 22		\$823 79	\$ 265 22	11	\$ 12475	8	\$ 5600

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

SPOKANE, COLVILLE, BOISE AND WALLA WALLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Funds	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions Society	
SPOKANE DISTRICT																			
Albert Bear, District Elder																			
Spokane.....	C. M. DeFoe.....	39	11	50	1	1	13	84	16	12 80	5 70	8 00	4 80	3 20	22 00	11 15			
Tekoa and Summervale.....	Lee Dalley.....	15	1	16	1	2	7	47	3	6 00	2 70	3 75	75	1 55	1 50				
Senders and Enid.....	A. M. Bean.....	7	1	8	1	1	7	23	1	2 80	1 30	3 75	70	1 35	1 05				
Penawawa and Willow Creek.....	E. W. Achilles.....	27	4	31	1	1	4	15	6	6 00	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	10 15	15 50			
St. John, Wilaada and Cottonwood.....	J. E. Bradley.....	15	2	17	1	1	1	1	12	10 00	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	4 55				
Spargue and Lord's Valley.....	H. Beamsley.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	6	6	4 80	2 15	3 00	1 80	1 20	2 40	45 05			
Tyler and Greir.....	G. W. Medley.....	10	1	11	1	1	6	25	1	5 20	2 54	3 25	1 95						
COLVILLE DISTRICT																			
Albert Bean, District Elder																			
Colville.....	W. H. Boddy.....	62	10	72	1	1	2	17	115	20	17 38	8 46	1 41	7 05	4 70	177 00			
Olewelah.....	Ira Brown.....	20	3	23	1	1	5	40	7	7 60	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	25 00				
Daisy and Maud.....	J. N. Wood.....	16	2	18	1	1	5	25	4	6 40	2 88	3 00	2 40	1 60					
Kettle Falls and Orient.....	A. M. Bean.....	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	1										
BOISE DISTRICT																			
D. D. Dodge, District Elder																			
Boise.....	Guy Donney.....	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	2 40	1 08	1 50	90	60					
Parma and Payette.....	J. W. Goode.....	10	3	13	1	1	6	25	4	2 00	90	1 25	75	50					
Caldwell and Deer Flat.....	Paul Stewart.....	16	10	26	2	1	7	66	8	2 80	1 26	1 75	1 05	70					
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT																			
D. D. Dodge, District Elder																			
Albena and Waterman.....	E. M. Norris.....	22	3	25	1	1	5	20	6	7 20	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	52 50				
Total.....		285	51	336	11	4	13	82	455	98	93 39	42 64	41 36	83 70	22 06		\$ 295 15	\$ 72 30	

# NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT BUTTE,  
NEBRASKA, AUGUST 12-15, 1908.

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

O. L. BARNES, *Secretary*

W. W. BRUCE, *Assistant Secretary*

A. S. McCURE, *Statistical Secretary*

MINNIE A. BEERS, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, O. L. Barnes, E. E. Hatfield, Charles E. Carter.

*On Publications*—E. E. Hatfield, T. B. Wilson, William McElfresh.

*On Education*—W. M. Adams, C. E. Carter, E. J. Phillips.

*On Reforms*—W. W. Bruce, A. S. McClure, H. D. Green.

*On Sunday-schools*—A. S. McClure, L. E. Barnes, K. W. Gillispie.

*On State of the Work*—O. L. Barnes, E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, H. D. Green.

*On Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Walter A. Sellew, O. L. Barnes, E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, H. D. Green.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—W. M. Adams, Emma Wells, Laura Inhelder.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—H. Allgor.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Ministerial Relations*—W. W. Bruce, W. M. Adams, T. W. Rutledge, T. M. Wright, W. S. Johnson.

*On Nominations*—W. W. Bruce, W. M. Adams, T. M. Wright.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Hatfield, W. M. Adams, K. W. Gillispie, C. E. Carter, T. M. Wright.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. E. Hatfield, president, term expires 1910; W. M. Adams, secretary, term expires 1911; C. E. Carter, term expires 1909.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

L. E. Barnes, president; E. E. Hatfield, secretary; W. M. Adams, C. E. Atkinson, E. E. Dillon.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. B. Wilson, E. E. Hatfield, E. J. Phillips, term expires 1910; O. L. Barnes, T. M. Wright, term expires 1909; W. M. Adams, president; William McElfresh, secretary, term expires 1911.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—L. M. Poff.

*On Publications*—W. M. Adams.

*On Sunday-schools*—A. S. McClure.

*On Reforms*—T. B. Wilson.

*On State of the Work*—The district elders.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries and Permanent Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Home Missions.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Minnie A. Beers, president, Gregory, South Dakota; Mrs. Nettie Adams, vice-president, Ainsworth, Nebraska; Miss Bessie Andress, recording secretary, 2005 South Eighth street, Omaha, Nebraska; Miss Maud McClure, corresponding secretary, Mullen, Gregory county, South Dakota; Mrs. Margaret Allgor, treasurer, Butte, Nebraska.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

Sidney Mills.  
E. E. Hatfield.  
A. S. McClure,  
T. W. Rutledge.  
T. B. Wilson,  
C. E. Carter.

L. E. Barnes,  
J. A. Finch.  
F. J. Atkinson,  
L. Daily,  
J. M. Eggers,

O. L. Barnes,  
W. W. Bruce,  
Henry Allgor,  
L. M. Poff,  
W. M. Adams.

## DELEGATES

W. S. Johnson.  
Emma Wells,  
T. M. Wright  
Albert Timm.  
E. E. Dillon.  
Addie Philbon.

K. W. Gillispie,  
C. E. Atkinson,  
J. H. Williams,  
Walter Knee,  
Minnie Flisram,

E. J. Phillips,  
Laura Inhelder,  
J. L. Cleveland.  
H. D. Green,  
Clara Bridges.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, O. L. Barnes, E. E. Hatfield, T. M. Wright, H. D. Green.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. C. Williams, D. T. McClure.

4. Who remain on trial? William McElfresh, J. L. Riley.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? F. J. Atkinson, Henry Allgor, T. W. Rutledge.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Charles E. Carter.

8. Who have been located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. Allgor, O. L. Barnes.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. M. Eggers, to the Platte River conference; W. W. Bruce, to the Colorado conference; L. Daily, to the Columbia River conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.



15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistics.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Lincoln, Nebraska, as near the last week of August, 1909, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN DISTRICT—E. E. HATFIELD, District Elder, 125 South 31st street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln.. (Mrs.) Mary E. Stafford, supply, 1214 N 27th St., Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Yutan and Bethel.....A. Auspoker, supply, Yutan, "  
 Ceresco and Carmel.....T. B. Wilson, Ceresco, "  
 Nebraska City and Minersville.....  
 ..T. W. Rutledge, Cynthia M. Rutledge, supply, Nebraska City, "  
 Wymore.....W. H. Whyte, supply, Wymore, "  
 York.....To be supplied

W. W. Bruce, given a certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the Colorado conference, Boulder, Colorado; J. M. Eggers, given a certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the Platte River conference; O. L. Barnes, supernumerary, Mosca, Colorado; L. Daily, given certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the Columbia River conference; E. E. Hatfield, member of the Lincoln district quarterly conference.

OMAHA DISTRICT—E. E. HATFIELD, District Elder

Omaha.....William McElfresh, Colon, Nebraska  
 La Platte.....To be supplied  
 Louisville.....L. M. Poff, Louisville, Nebraska  
 Blair and Tyson schoolhouse.....J. L. Riley, Blair, "  
 Fremont .....To be supplied

NORFOLK DISTRICT—W. M. ADAMS, District Elder, Ainsworth, Nebraska

Norfolk and Birch.....Elmer Howery, supply, Pierce, Nebraska  
 Fairview, Riverside and Ewing.....H. C. Williams, Vim, "  
 Inman.....To be supplied  
 Swan.....P. E. Fisher, supply, O'Neill, Nebraska

BUTTE DISTRICT—W. M. ADAMS, District Elder

Butte.....Charles E. Carter, Butte, Nebraska  
 Mt. Zion and Bonesteel.....D. T. McClure, Bonesteel, "  
 Lynch and Bristow.....A. J. and Rosa Everts, supplies, Lynch, "  
 South Side and Celia.....E. E. Dillon, supply, Kirkwood, "  
 Prairie Home.....A. S. McClure, Mullen, Gregory county, South Dakota  
 Gregory.....Miss Minnie A. Beers, supply, Gregory, "  
 Ainsworth, Mabelo and Huffman.....L. E. Barnes, Ainsworth, Nebraska  
 Mills and Kirkwood.....Harry D. Green, supply, Dustin, "  
 Johnstown.....F. J. Atkinson, Johnstown, "

J. A. Finch, superannuated, Jamesville, New York; Sidney Mills, superannuated, Bonesteel, South Dakota; H. Allgor, supernumerary, Butte, Nebraska; M. Hartsock, discontinued; W. M. Adams, member of the Butte district quarterly conference.

## NEBRASKA CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	DIST. ELDERS
1	Yutan, Nebraska.	August 14, 1890...	G. W. Coleman	B.F. Summers	W. W. Harris
2	Yutan, "	September 2, 1891...	B. T. Roberts	A. Stedwell	W. M. Adams
3	Wymore, "	August 24, 1892 ..	E. P. Hart	E. Ballenger	W. W. Harris
4	South Omaha, "	August 16, 1893...	G. W. Coleman	"	W. M. Adams
5	Lincoln, "	August 8, 1894...	W. T. Hogue	"	W. W. Harris
6	Yutan, "	August 22, 1895...	E. P. Hart	"	W. M. Adams
7	Elk City, "	August 26, 1896...	G. W. Coleman	W. M. Adams	W. E. Stuart
8	Yutan, "	August 18, 1897...	B. R. Jones	"	E. Ballenger
9	" "	August 17, 1898...	E. P. Hart	"	W. E. Stuart
10	Norfolk Jct., "	September 6, 1899 ..	G. W. Coleman	O. L. Barnes	E. Ballenger
11	Blair, "	August 22, 1900...	W. A. Sellw	"	W. M. Adams
12	Oakdale, "	August 28, 1901...	B. R. Jones	"	E. Ballenger
13	Fremont, "	August 27, 1902 ..	E. P. Hart	"	J. A. Finch
14	Yutan, "	August 19, 1903...	W. T. Hogue	"	W. W. Bruce
15	Butte, "	August 17, 1904...	W. A. Sellw	"	E. Ballenger
16	Lincoln, "	August 9, 1905 ..	B. R. Jones	"	W. W. Bruce
17	Mead'w Gr've "	August 15, 1906...	B. Winget	"	O. L. Barnes
18	Blair "	August 14, 1907...	W. B. Olmstead	"	W. W. Bruce
19	Butte, "	August 12, 1908...	W. A. Sellw	"	O. L. Barnes
					E. E. Hatfield
					W. M. Adams

NOTE.—The first named Elder of each year served the southern districts. The last named served the northern districts.

## LOCAL PREACHERS

\*Charles Kirkland, Atkinson, Nebraska J. V. Parks ..... Lincoln, Nebraska  
 \*A. Amspoker ..... Yutan, " \*E. G. Durham ..... Vm. "  
 E. E. Dillon ..... Kirkwood, " H. Haden ..... Fremont, "

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

L. Foreman ..... Butte, Nebraska (Mrs.) Cynthia M. Rutledge. Ne-  
 N. J. Smith ..... Omaha, " braska City, Nebraska  
 (Mrs.) Rosa Everts, Lynch, " (Mrs.) Maggie E. Bruce. Boulder,  
 A. J. Everts ..... Lynch, " Nebraska  
 (Miss) Minnie A. Beers, Gregory, South Dakota

\*Local Elders.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

H. D. Green.....Dustin, Nebraska    W. S. Berry.....Dustin, Nebraska  
 (Mrs.) M. Hartsock..Mills,                    "                    (Mrs.) Mary E. Stafford, Lincoln,  
 (Mrs.) Margaret Allgor.....Butte,                    Nebraska  
 Nebraska

## MISCELLANEOUS

There were four sittings of the conference. Bishop Walter A. Sellev presided with ability and grace. His preaching and addresses to the conference were helpful and inspiring.

Miss Minnie A. Beers was re-elected conference treasurer, to whom all conference collections should be sent. Her address is Gregory, South Dakota. The conference ordered that a collection of twenty-five cents a member should be taken for conference missions.

Charles E. Carter was ordained elder Sunday afternoon.

Prof. A. J. Damon, principal of the Orleans Seminary, was present in the interest of the school.

A. S. McClure was elected conference Sunday-school secretary. His address is Mullen, Gregory county, South Dakota.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$55.65.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$37.10.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$66.78.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$18.55.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Apportioned and paid, \$148.40.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$92.75; paid, \$81.00; deficit, \$11.75.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$45.82.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$0.20.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$12.10.

RAISED BY W. F. M. SOCIETY—\$279.39.

MINNIE A. BEERS, Treasurer.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

A gracious God has preserved our existence through another year and brought us together in annual session. We recall with gratitude the manifold blessings that have measured our days and record our acknowledgements of indebtedness to divine providence for the inspiration to undertake, and the ability to perform, whatever has been accomplished that has advanced the kingdom of God or the glory of Christ.

Tests have come to us. They have called for devotion, faith and love. A few have fallen by the way, but out of all the Lord has brought us by His grace, with a firmer confidence and closer adherence to those divine truths and principles that redeem the world.

Three camp-meetings have been held, in each of which glorious victory came to the saints and salvation to seeking hearts. Special meetings have been held from which came results that have greatly benefitted the work. New points have been opened that give promise of future harvest. Laborers, young, zealous and vigorous are girding on the armor and stepping into the ranks. Their courageous tread and dauntless eye proclaims that we must and shall be victors. And why not, when the Captain of the Lord's host directs the battle? But time is hastening, opportunities come and go with lightning's flash. This is no time or occasion for pause or self-laudation. The conflict is raging. It is ours to enquire, "Can we be better qualified for effective service?"

Are we trammelled with incumbrance or lacking in accoutrements? The knowledge that our membership has not been increased more; that our contributions have hardly equaled the previous year; that the necessities of the work demand the completion of our churches and the erection of others; that the groans of a dying world are ringing in our ears; that the judgment day will inexorably exact a full discharge of our responsibilities; these require that we search out our weaknesses and put on strength.

As conducive to this end, shall we not more completely devote ourselves to God and His service? Shall we not criticise our brethren less and pray for them more? Shall we not become more willing to receive in meekness and to give in tenderness admonition and watch over each other with zealous regard for improvement in grace and the unity of the household of faith? Shall we not only give, but give all to God? Shall we not wait at the feet of Jesus until we become controlled by that love for dying man that led our Redeemer to die for us? Shall we not press into our abiding realization of the Pentecostal fullness until victorious faith and consuming love fully endow us for our greatest possibilities under the hand of God? Amen and amen.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Recelpts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Recelpts	Evangelists' Recelpts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LINCOLN DISTRICT												
Lincoln.....		\$ 1 24	\$ 37 85	\$ 1 85	\$ 400 00	144	\$ 85 00	\$ 49 63	2	2000	1	\$ 1500
Yutan and Bethel.....		1 10	14 00		312 70	100	64 38		2	2000	1	2000
Oeresco and Mt. Carmel.....			14 12	76	99 50		54 32		1	1000	1	700
Nebraska City and Minersville.....		48	27 36		242 74	50	46 31	16 13	2	2000	1	4000
Wymore.....				55	226 61	60	50 85		1	1000	1	600
York.....				10			32 54					500
Fremont.....			30 34	35	50 00		27 77		1	1000		
OMAHA DISTRICT												
Omaha.....		1 75	44 00	1 25	341 00	90	53 30	7 00	1	1500	1	500
La Platte.....			12 00	35			37 71		1	1000		
Louisville.....			16 13	1 20	202 34	7	66 17	16 13	1	1000	1	1000
Blair and Elk City.....					353 08	72	53 07	6 19	2	1100	1	1000
BUTTE DISTRICT												
Butte.....		2 18	27 36	1 85	351 34	72	61 60	78 00	1	900	1	500
Mt. Zion and Bonesteel.....		2 44	9 96	90	251 25	40	58 96	16 77	2	2000	1	300
Lynch.....			4 21	80	122 10		29 90	20 37	1	800		
South Side.....		6 13	16 35	45	103 41		105 95	78 26				
Ainsworth, Mabelo & Kirkwood.....			13 66	1 30	325 00		64 20	10 31		700		
Mills.....			12 80	60	168 00	25	36 33	8 00	1	700	1	300
Prairie Home.....					36 18		11 28					
Gregory.....		20	68	13 61	35	164 62	31 95	2 35	1	1500		
NORFOLK DISTRICT												
Birch, Norfolk and Lakeview.....			7 00	55	156 00	75	29 71	10 00			1	500
Fairview and Clay Ridge.....			9 84	90	235 00	25	77 34	68 00				
Inman.....				05			3 30				1	200
Swan.....		2 23		30	10 41		19 50					
Total.....	\$ 20	\$19 23	\$ 310 95	\$14 35	\$4151 28	825	\$1101 44	\$ 389 03	19	\$ 28700.13	\$ 9500	

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LINCOLN DISTRICT																																	
Lincoln.....	O. L. Barnes, District Elder															39	4	43	1	2	1	9	45	15	\$ 14.80	\$ 6.66	\$ 9.25	5.55	3.70	7.00	16.50	9.50	
Lincoln, 1st Pkth.....	W. W. Bruce.....															17	1	18	2	1	1	4	23	10	6.73	3.60	3.00	3.00	2.40	.....	18.50	5.00	
Lincoln, 2d Pkth.....	L. E. Barnes.....															11	1	12	1	1	1	4	23	4	5.60	2.52	3.50	3.40	3.00	.....	18.50	5.00	
Cass and Mt. Carmel.....	O. L. Barnes.....															11	1	12	1	1	1	4	23	4	5.60	2.52	3.50	3.40	3.00	.....	18.50	5.00	
Nebraska City and Minersville.....	L. M. Prof.....															28	13	41	2	11	50	1	4	50	1	6.62	1.98	2.75	1.65	1.10	.....	6.48	.....
Wymore.....	J. W. Puffy.....															30	1	31	1	4	30	4	30	4	4.40	1.98	2.75	1.65	1.10	.....	6.48	.....	
York.....	O. L. Barnes.....															3	8	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.00	3.36	5.00	3.00	2.00	.....	6.48	.....	
Freemont.....	Wm. McElfresh.....															10	2	12	2	1	7	50	3	2.80	1.26	1.75	1.05	70	.....	6.48	.....		
OMAHA DISTRICT																																	
Omaha.....	O. L. Barnes, District Elder.....															23	1	24	1	2	1	6	34	9	10.00	4.50	6.25	3.75	2.50	.....	1.00	.....	
La Platte.....	Albert Anspoker.....															7	1	8	1	1	1	3	25	8	2.80	1.26	1.75	1.05	70	.....	4.10	.....	
Louisville.....	O. L. Barnes.....															22	1	23	1	1	1	6	25	8	9.60	4.32	6.00	3.60	2.40	.....	4.10	.....	
Blair and Elk City.....	J. L. Riley.....															24	1	25	1	1	1	6	36	6	8.40	3.78	5.25	3.15	2.10	.....	1.05	.....	
BUTTE DISTRICT																																	
Butte.....	E. E. Hatfield, District Elder.....															26	4	30	2	1	7	51	5	14.80	6.66	9.25	5.55	3.70	.....	9.75	.....		
Mt. Zion and Bonesteel.....	O. E. Carter.....															18	7	25	2	1	6	23	7	7.20	3.24	4.50	2.70	1.80	.....	9.75	.....		
Lynch.....	H. C. Williams.....															12	1	13	1	1	1	3	16	3	6.40	2.88	4.30	2.40	1.60	.....	9.75	.....	
South Side.....	Mary McIntire.....															22	2	24	1	1	4	20	7	3.60	1.62	2.25	1.35	90	.....	1.00	.....		
Answorth, Mabelo and Kirkwood.....	W. M. Adams.....															24	2	26	1	1	5	12	6	8.40	4.68	6.50	3.90	2.60	.....	1.00	.....		
Hills.....	D. S. McClure.....															12	1	13	1	1	4	20	3	4.80	3.06	1.80	3.00	1.20	.....	12.60	.....		
Parade Home.....	A. S. McClure.....															7	4	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Gregory.....	Minnie A. Beers.....															13	1	14	2	1	7	30	6	2.80	1.26	1.75	1.05	70	.....	2.98	.....		
NORFOLK DISTRICT																																	
Birch, Norfolk and Lakeview.....	E. E. Hatfield, District Elder.....															6	1	7	1	1	5	20	5	4.40	1.98	.....	1.65	1.00	.....	2.75	.....		
Fairview and Clay Ridge.....	T. B. Wilson.....															28	1	29	1	2	10	57	9	7.70	3.24	4.50	2.70	1.80	.....	3.30	.....		
Iowan.....	T. W. Rutledge.....															4	1	5	1	1	4	18	15	2.40	1.08	.....	90	60	.....	3.30	.....		
Swan.....	P. E. Fisher.....															7	2	9	1	1	1	1	1	2.40	1.08	.....	90	60	.....	3.30	.....		
Total.....																388	44	432	11	13	20	110	555	118	\$ 135.45	\$ 60.12	\$ 75.00	\$ 53.80	\$ 35.81	\$ 8.05	\$ 77.80	\$ 45.95	



# PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
ALMA, NEBRASKA, AUGUST 19-22, 1908

## OFFICERS

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*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, J. L. Dodge, C. H. Foe, Otto Zimmerman.

*On Sabbath-schools*—S. S. Cameron, A. J. McKinney, R. B. Anderson, Carrie M. Frain.

*On Publications*—J. L. Dodge, J. L. Hilliard, V. A. Lytle.

*On Education*—The Conference Board of Education, with A. J. McKinney added.

*On Reforms*—Otto Zimmerman, W. I. Farnham, G. W. Tinker, G. W. Johnston, Sarah Bennett.

*On Resolutions*—C. H. Foe, George Vogt.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—George Vogt, Florence Elison, Carl Volgamore.

*On the State of the Work*—The district elders.

*On Conference Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—G. E. Bennett.

*To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary*—George Vogt, S. S. Cameron, J. L. Hilliard, Charles Schroder.

*On Ministerial Relations*—C. H. Foe, A. J. McKinney, S. S. Cameron, G. W. Johnston, V. A. Lytle, J. L. Hilliard, Charles Schroder.

*On Claimants and Claims*—Walter A. Sellew, J. L. Dodge, C. H. Foe, J. L. Hilliard, Frank Robertson.

*On Charities*—Otto Zimmerman, G. W. Tinker, C. H. Sawyer, J. W. Edwards, G. A. Eckberg.

*To Visit and Inspect Orleans Seminary*—S. S. Cameron, G. W. Johnston, Carrie M. Frain, Etta Johnston, W. I. Farnham.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George Vogt, president; A. J. McKinney, secretary; Vance Lytle, treasurer; George W. Johnston, J. L. Hilliard.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Otto Zimmerman, five years; C. H. Foe, four years, secretary; J. L. Dodge, three years, president; George Vogt, two years, K. Thomas, one year.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. L. Dodge, C. H. Foe, A. J. McKinney, V. A. Lytle, J. L. Hilliard.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, General Conference Delegates' Expenses, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Conference Treasurer's Expenses; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund, Education.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Etta Johnston, Cambridge, Nebraska; first vice-president, Mrs. Anna Northup, Orleans, Nebraska; second vice-president, Mrs. Katie Zimmerman, Myrtle, Nebraska; secretary, Florence McNees, Orleans, Nebraska; corresponding secretary, Ida Hornberger, Bladen, Nebraska; treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Capenter, Orleans, Nebraska.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

C. H. Foe,  
J. L. Dodge,  
Otto Zimmerman,  
J. M. Eggers,  
George Vogt,  
C. H. Sawyer,  
K. Thomas,  
J. W. Edwards,

S. S. Cameron,  
G. W. Johnston,  
J. W. Thomas,  
G. W. Woogerd,  
B. B. Orr,  
R. F. Johnston,  
F. E. Eaton,  
A. J. McKinney,

David Reck,  
J. H. Brittain,  
G. W. Tinker,  
A. Dowd,  
G. E. Bennett,  
W. I. Farnham,  
R. L. Pickett.

## DELEGATES

V. A. Lytle,  
Ida Hornberger,  
Oscar Carlson,  
Etta Johnston,  
Sarah Bennett,  
A. C. Calhoon,  
Charles Schroder,  
G. A. Eckberg,

J. M. Messer,  
M. A. Rickard,  
Florence McNees,  
Frank Robertson,  
R. B. Anderson,  
A. A. Peterson,  
Fredericka Rux,

J. R. Snodgrass,  
Minnie Heldt,  
C. R. Volgamore,  
Carrie M. Frain,  
J. L. Hilliard,  
Florence Elison,  
Nellie Purdy.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, C. H. Foe, J. L. Dodge, Otto Zimmerman, J. L. Hilliard, Etta Johnston, Frank Robertson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. E. Moore, V. D. Rickard, A. F. Smith, A. A. Chambers.

4. Who remain on trial? J. H. Anderson, J. K. Lydic.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. L. Pickett.

6. Who are the deacons? G. E. Bennett, W. I. Farnham, R. L. Pickett. Local deacons: D. E. Dodge, H. R. Lucore, C. Haukwell, M. V. Hawk, A. F. Smith.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. W. Woogerd, R. F. Johnston, C. H. Sawyer, J. H. Anderson, J. K. Lydic.

10. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. E. Eaton, from the West Iowa conference; J. M. Eggers, from the Nebraska conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? A. A. Devore, under charges.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. W. Edwards, to the Colorado conference; J. H. Brittain, to the Oklahoma conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. When and where shall our next conference be held? Within the bounds of the Central City district, about the third week in August.

## APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—J. L. DODGE, District Elder, Huxley, Nebraska

Orleans.....	A. J. McKinney, Orleans, Nebraska	
Alma and Bloomington.....	G. W. Tinker, Laura Tinker, supply, Alma,	"
Bladen and Cowles.....	A. Dowd, T. H. Hendren, supply, Bladen,	"
Minden and Lowell.....	K. Thomas, Minden,	"
Oxford and Edison.....	George Vogt, Edison,	"
Beaver City, Precept and Stamford.....	H. E. Moore, Mary Moore, supply, Beaver City,	"
Atlanta and Holdrege.....	Florence McNees, supply, Orleans,	"

G. W. Woogerd, supernumerary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Thomas, left without appointment, Omaha, Nebraska; J. W. Edwards, granted certificate of standing, Orleans, Nebraska.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—J. L. DODGE, District Elder

Cambridge and Bartley.....	G. W. Johnston, Cambridge, Nebraska	
	C. Kinnison, supply, Bartley,	"
Holbrook and Earl.....	Etta Johnston, supply, Cambridge,	"
Wilsonville and Lebanon.....	David Reck, Wilsonville,	"
Curtis and Wellfleet.....	F. E. Eaton, Curtis,	"
Hayes Center and Culbertson.....	C. R. Volgamore, Culbertson,	"

A. L. Seavey, discontinued with membership at Curtis; R. F. Johnston, supernumerary.

CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT—C. H. FOE, District Elder, Huxley, Nebraska

Central City and Polk.....	W. I. Farnham, Central City, Nebraska	
Belgrade and Fullerton.....	R. L. Pickett, Belgrade,	"
Albion.....	J. M. Messer, supply, Albion,	"
St. Paul and Clevenger.....	L. D. Clevenger, Zora Clevenger, supply, St. Paul,	"
Giltner and Hastings.....	S. S. Cameron, Giltner,	"
Horace and Erickson.....	A. F. Smith, Erickson,	"
Spalding and Bartlett.....	B. B. Orr, Spalding,	"
Burwell .....	To be supplied	

C. H. Sawyer, J. H. Anderson, supernumerary; C. Wheeler, superannuated; J. H. Brittain, given certificate of good standing.

#### ANSLEY DISTRICT—C. H. Foe, District Elder

Ansley and Mason.....S. A. Davis, Ansley, Nebraska  
 Litchfield and Loup City.....  
 .....G. E. Bennett, Sarah Bennett, supply, Huxley, "  
 Ravenna and Kearney.....Christina Capellan, supply  
 Comstock, Sargent and Walworth.....V. D. Rickard, Walworth, "  
 Broken Bow and Merna.....  
 .....A. A. Chambers, Celia Chambers, supply, Broken Bow, "  
 J. K. Lydic, supernumerary.

#### NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT—OTTO ZIMMERMAN, District Elder, Myrtle, Nebraska

North Platte .....To be supplied  
 Gandy and Whittier.....Otto Zimmerman, Myrtle, Nebraska  
 Lemly and Nesbit..A. C. Calhoon, Bertha Calhoon, supply, Gandy, "

#### BRIDGEPORT DISTRICT—J. M. EGGERS, District Elder

Bridgeport and Ickes.....Nettie Robertson, supply, Bridgeport, Nebraska  
 Llewellyn and Ash Creek.....J. M. Eggers, Llewellyn, "  
 Hillsdale and Eggers schoolhouse..F. W. Drown, supply, Hillsdale, "  
 Venango and Elsie.....  
 .....G. A. Eckberg, Rosetta Eckberg, supplies, Vanango, "

### LOCAL PREACHERS

*W. R. Todd.....Orleans, Nebraska	†H. R. Lucore....Hastings, Nebraska
†D. E. Dodge.....Orleans	†C. Hauxwell ....Indianola, "
†M. V. Hawk.....Ansley, "	*A. L. Seavey....Denmark, "
W. R. Mattox....Comstock, "	T. H. Hendren....Bladen, "
G. A. Eckberg....Vanango, "	J. M. Messer.....Albion, "
E. D. Clark.....Erickson, "	E. M. Letner.....Bladen, "
Carl Volgamore..Culbertson, "	J. R. Snodgrass....Curtis, "
C. Kinnison .....Bartley, "	A. Hodson .....Erickson, "

### EVANGELISTS

†Etta Johnston, Cambridge, Nebraska	†Rosetta Eckberg, Venango, Nebraska
†Sarah B. Bennett, Huxley, "	†Olive Foe .....Cowles, "
†Alice M. Ellison, Orleans, "	†Florence Ellison, Ansley, "
†Laura Tinker ....Alma, "	†Lizzie T. Orr....Spalding, "
†Anna Northrup ..Orleans, "	†Rebecca Debord ..Huxley, "
†Mary M. Paris, Hastings, "	Celia R. Chambers, Merna, "
†Florence McNees, Orleans, "	Eliza Raish ....Walworth, "
Lela Hendren ....Bladen, "	Nettie Robertson, Bridgeport, Ne-
Lela Clevenger, St. Paul, "	braska
Carrie M. Clark, Erickson, "	Daisy D. Pickett, Sweetwater, Ne-
Christina Capellan, Hazard, "	braska
Mary Cuddy ....Ravenna, "	

### MISCELLANEOUS

The attendance at the conference and camp-meeting was unusually large. Fifty tents and two dormitory tabernacles were on the grounds, which were situated in Brother A. Newman's grove, three miles west of Alma, Nebraska.

Brother Sellew's preaching was practical and spiritual, as usual.

\*Elder. †Deacon. ‡Conference Evangelist.

The incidental expenses were provided for. Two hundred dollars was raised for Orleans Seminary; \$336 for foreign missions.

The address of the conference treasurer is Myrtle, Nebraska.

Sister Sellew presided over the book stand in an acceptable and gracious manner, and merits our thanks for her services.

Conference adopted the same plan of entertainment for next year, which includes a collection for this purpose to be taken on each circuit at the close of the year.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

God has been gracious to us the past year. There were good revivals on some of our circuits and several camp-meetings were held, whereby we gained a number of members; and, though we have lost over thirty members through transfers, deaths, and removals, we still have a net gain of seven full members and thirteen probationers. This shows that we received over fifty during the year. We believe there has been an encouraging increase, also, in spirituality and devotion to the work.

But there are some things that seriously injure our work to which we desire to call attention: First, Many are careless about attending the regular services of the church, especially the quarterly meetings and camp-meetings. Our work cannot prosper, but will go down unless our people are interested in these meetings and attend them better.

Second, Pastoral visiting is a duty that some preachers neglect. No pastor can succeed and no circuit will prosper where this duty is neglected.

Third, One of the most serious hindrances we find is the failure to furnish our preachers adequate support. This will be remedied if our circuits will follow the "Plan" as set forth in our Discipline. We, therefore, recommend that the conference adopt the following "Charge to the Circuits."

We hereby charge and request all our circuits to observe the requirements of the Discipline in the support of their pastors. 1. Let the official board promptly make the estimate as required by Paragraph 190, pages 125, 126.

2. Let every class leader take the subscription of each member of his class, payable weekly (or monthly). Make no exceptions. This is Discipline. Then collect these faithfully and pay over to the steward for the pastor.

3. And let the stewards circulate a subscription, as per said Paragraph 190, among our friends outside the church, and be diligent in collecting the same.

By faithfully following this plan, our preachers will be furnished a good support and can devote the whole time and attention to the "Work of the ministry."

### II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

In olden times when tradition was the only standard, history and the "religious leaders" were the instructors of the people, it was said, "Like priest, like people."

To-day the printing press has largely taken the place of the old time priest as the recorder of human events and the instructor of the masses, so it may now be truly said, "Like press, like people." The press is a powerful agency for evil and for good. It is largely the moulder and conservator of public opinion. The prosperity of all enterprises, religious, social, commercial, and political is promoted by the literature published and circulated in their respective interests.

False religions thrive and flourish through the diligent circulation of books and periodicals expounding their creeds and enforcing their dogmas. Gigantic commercial frauds are perpetrated, and thousands robbed of their rightful earnings, because the public is deluged with pamphlets and bewil-



dered with graphic newspaper articles, telling how one may become rich without labor, and on a small investment.

In some sections of our fair land, "lynching" is the popular mode of punishing criminals, because the papers advocate or sanction it, while in other sections "crime" is winked at, because the "press" is either lenient towards, or openly in favor of such criminality.

Let us be careful what we read. Let us read only that class of literature that will properly develop our minds, increase our usefulness, and honor and glorify God.

We thank God for our own publishing house, and our genial and efficient publishing agents. We note with much satisfaction its prosperity and trust that the same may continue.

Let us do what we can to patronize this institution of our church, and so help to increase its usefulness and advance its interests. Whatever profits it may earn belong to us as a people and not to some individual.

All our people should take and read the *Free Methodist*, our church paper. It will make them better Free Methodists, and help them to grow in grace. *Missionary Tidings*, the organ of our W. F. M. S., is worthy of a place in every home, and will do much to awaken and increase the interest in our foreign missionary work. Our COMBINED CONFERENCE MINUTES are a most valuable book of record and reference, and no family can afford to be without this excellent publication.

We commend our Discipline and exhort our people to study it and become familiar with it.

We recommend all the books and publications issued from, or published by our publishing house, especially those on revivals, biographical, and missionary subjects.

### III.—ON REFORMS.

Our mission as a church is not primarily to be a reform organization but our distinctive issue is, "Holiness unto the Lord," and this issue embraces every reform that confronts the church of Jesus Christ, whether it be political, social or religious. As a church we are satisfied with the "ancient landmarks which our fathers have set." As to reforms in general, we note the following:

**SABBATH DESECRATION.**—Irreverence and disregard for the Sabbath of our Lord is alarmingly on the increase. Sunday excursions, baseball games, and other pleasures are rapidly taking the place of religious worship among the masses. We disapprove of any form of Sabbath desecration such as visiting and permitting our children to spend most of the day in company with worldly children who regard the Sabbath as a holiday instead of a day of rest and devotion to God. Let us observe the word of God and our excellent book of Discipline on the Sabbath question.

**SECRET SOCIETIES.**—Oathbound secretism is antagonistic to the principle of Christianity and all moral government, and has its seat in the selfishness of the hearts of men. It alienates man from his family, church and God. We believe the position taken by our church toward secret societies is right and scriptural, and should be maintained regardless of the cost.

**EVIL SPEAKING.**—The Psalmist exhorts (Psa. 34:13), "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile"; and James the Apostle admonishes us (chapter 4:11), "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." We fear there are some that yield to the tempter, speaking evil of one another causing division, and the spirit of love and harmony is destroyed. Many a soul goes into eternity unwarned and without God, just because of the misuse of the tongue. Let our conversation be with grace, seasoned with salt, that it may minister grace to the hearer.

**WORLDLINESS.**—A great cause of spiritual decline is conformity to the world in regard to dress and jewelry. God is a jealous God, and will not bless a people who bow to the shrine of fashion. While we are pleased to note the disposition on the part of most of our people to conform to the Bible standard of simplicity, yet we suggest the following: (1) That we guard

against anything in our dress and habits that is slovenly and unclean, and set an example of neatness and cleanliness; and, (2) That we carefully avoid the wearing of superfluities, holding strictly and conscientiously to the word of God and our Discipline in respect to apparel, and dress in neatness and modesty as becometh persons possessing godliness.

**LIQUOR TRAFFIC.**—We protest against the liquor traffic in all of its forms. "Am I my brother's keeper?" is a question asked by one of old. We answer, "No man liveth to himself." God hath said, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink" (Hab. 2: 15). As Christians, we should live for fallen humanity. We believe that voice and vote should go hand in hand. It is with delight that we note the progress that is being made in abolishing the liquor traffic from our fair land. It was the stone and sling in the hand of David, through the power of God, that the Philistine giant was slain; and we, with the sling of faith and smooth stone of our ballot, through the mighty power of God, will be able to slay the *Giant Alcohol*. As a conference, we pledge fidelity to God and the measures that are used to abolish the liquor traffic.

**MARRIAGE.**—We desire to reaffirm our position on the marriage question. Some of our people seem to neglect the scriptural and disciplinary requirements, and secure a secular divorce on almost any grounds with seemingly no compunctions of conscience, and afterward plan unblushingly to enter into matrimonial bonds, with a third party. This is a sin, sufficient to exclude the perpetrator from the kingdom of grace and glory. The minister who officiates at such marriages is an aider and abettor of wickedness. Let our ministers refuse to marry persons who are divorced on other than scriptural grounds.

**THE CLASS MEETING.**—It has been established as an institution of Methodism from the beginning that a class-meeting should be and remain a part of the machinery of the church. As it was at first carried on, the class-meeting has practically ceased among us. Here and there is a pastor who conscientiously holds these meetings, but with few exceptions, the class leaders avoid this not necessarily unpleasant duty. Let us stir each other up to good works and class-meetings. It is a part of the duty of every Free Methodist to attend class-meeting at least once a quarter and submit to the catechising of his brethren. We endorse the very excellent work of Bishop Hogue on the class-meeting. Every member of the church should possess a copy of it. They should also read it.

The committee submits this report believing that no reform is lasting which is not of the heart as well as the conduct, and trusting that, in heart as well as conduct, these evils may be kept away from among us. Amen.

#### IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Education is the enlightenment and development of the mental and moral capabilities. The public school system of our nation is designed to meet the mental necessities only. The sad results of informing and developing the mind, while the moral faculties are neglected, are seen in the fact that our land is cursed by a horde of educated criminals.

Christian educational institutions design the education of the whole man. The world needs men with high moral training. Bankers and other corporations, who employ clerks, book-keepers, cashiers, and men to fill other responsible positions want men, who have not only mental training, but moral reliability. Many corporations are making strenuous and rigid regulations concerning the morals of their employees. Christian schools furnish the world with workmen in the trades, arts, and professions of such a high moral character, that regulations by their employers are almost unnecessary.

Many college graduates are in the penitentiary for crimes, the invention of which would have been impossible to an illiterate man. We want to educate for character, and for salvation. Our public schools teach neither morals or salvation; neither do they propose to do so. We do not want

religion taught in the public schools, for there are many false and unorthodox religions, and we would be suspicious of such religious teaching.

To supply this need of Christian education, we have established at great sacrifice one college and seven seminaries. In these institutions, some of which have been conducted over forty years, we are training our young people amid the most healthy, moral influences and intensely spiritual atmosphere, and the results are most inspiring. Most of our students have attained to a high eminence in moral character and intellectual ability and are living consecrated lives, on mission fields, on conference appointments and in our public schools, bringing results to the church, glory to God, and salvation to man.

Our schools are not receiving the esteem and support which their real value deserves. We should rally to their support with our means, our patronage, our sympathies, and our prayers. We thank God for Orleans Seminary, and pledge ourselves to stand by it in every possible way.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, CENTRAL CITY, ANSLEY AND NORTH PLATTE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>ORLEANS DISTRICT</b>												
Orleans.....			\$ 52 07	\$ 4 80	\$ 526 04		\$367 70					
Alma and Bloomington.....			8 50	1 30	152 50	\$100	129 06	\$ 62 00	1	\$ 500	1	\$ 800
Bladen and Blue Hill.....				55	232 55		41 90	9 00	1			
Minden and Lowell.....			7 00	45	232 17		37 10	40 00	1	1000		
Atlanta and Holdrege.....				35	33 90		15 07		1	800		
Oxford and Edison.....			11 67	1 85	302 00	48	63 03	45 93	2	2200		
Precept and Beaver City.....	\$ 3 00			60	101 84		38 68	8 02	1	700		
Stanford.....					121 35		9 50	7 00				
<b>CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT</b>												
Cambridge and Bartley.....			18 00	1 95	208 90	120	199 85		2	2700	1	1100
Holbrook and Earl.....	\$ 1 80		12 00	90	241 30		45 00		1	1200		
Wilsonville and Lebanon.....			12 00		180 10	100	31 60		1			800
Curtis and Wellfleet.....			8 64	50	200 00		70 00				1	150
Hayes Center and Culbertson.....				15			5 00					
<b>CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT</b>												
Central City and Polk.....			15 00	1 05	336 47	85	57 10		1	1000	2	1500
Belgrade and Fullerton.....			12 00	60	271 53	100	50 60	5 50	1	1200	1	800
Albion.....			5 00	35	187 00	100	30 70		1	1200	1	800
Spalding and Bartlett.....												
Horace and Ericson.....			10 00	65	152 90	24	43 00	17 79			1	450
Burwell.....				15	40 00		25 60					
St. Paul and Palmer.....			5 60	40	195 45	120	32 80	7 80			1	1000
Giltner and Hastings.....			9 00	60	42 00	60	33 00		1	600	1	600
<b>ANSLEY DISTRICT</b>												
Ansley and Mason.....			7 00	1 10	136 41	100	44 00	4 30			1	1200
Lit. field and Loup City.....			18 73	45	204 00		31 30	60 00				
Ravanna and Hazard.....			6 00	60	75 00		18 80	9 40	1	1500		
Broken Bow and Merna.....				65	143 88	40	34 55				1	175
Sargent, Walworth & Comstock.....			6 00	90	180 00		32 80		1	25		
<b>NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT</b>												
North Platte and Hershey.....	4 65			40	65 80		29 10	8 00				
Gandy and Whittier.....	2 91		12 00	25	217 45	20	31 31	24 00	1	1000	1	600
Lemley and Omega.....			6 60	25	135 32		2 50					
Bridgeport and Ickes.....				10	68 05		23 25	37 00				
Lewellen and Ash Creek.....												
Raised at conference.....				1 25								
Raised otherwise.....							9 00					
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 3 00</b>	<b>\$ 9 36</b>	<b>\$ 242 71</b>	<b>\$22 80</b>	<b>\$5013 91</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1096 40</b>	<b>\$ 345 74</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$ 15625</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$ 9395</b>

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ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, CENTRAL CITY, ANSLEY AND NORTH PLATTE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
ORLEANS DISTRICT	C. H. Foe, District Elder	86	9	95	4	1	15	101	25	38 40	17 28	61 50	14 40	9 60	4 80	1 30	\$835 00
Albion, B. McKinney	G. V. Tinker, Laura Tinker, sup.	24	6	30	2	1	5	20	6	10 40	4 98	14 50	3 90	2 60	1 30	1 10	22 02
Bladen and Blue Hill	G. D. Baker, R. H. Edson, supply	19	2	21	1	1	1	6	4	4 40	1 38	6 50	1 65	1 10	55		40 00
Minden and Lowell	G. A. Ebbert, R. E. Berg, sup.	19	1	20	1	1	1	6	4	5 00	1 62	4 50	1 35	90	45		
Atlanta and Holdrege	W. R. Todd, supply	7	1	8	1	1	1	3	13	12 64	6 66	30 00	2 55	8 00	35	17 25	5 00
Oxford and Edison	George Vogt	39	4	43	1	1	8	38	4	4 80	2 16	6 50	1 80	1 20	1 60	5 00	3 80
Precept and Beaver City	F. A. Davis	14	1	15	1	1	1	3	3								
Stanford	H. E. Moore, Mary Moore, sup.	5	9	14	1	1											
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT	C. H. Foe, District Elder	33	2	35	2	2	8	40	6	15 60	7 22	18 63	5 85	3 90	1 95		
Cambridge and Bartley	R. F. Johnstone	21	1	22	1	1	4	25	4	7 20	3 24	10 00	2 70	1 80	90		87 86
Holbrook and Earl	G. W. Johnston, E. Johnston, sup.	10	4	14	2	2	6	45	4	5 56	3 06	10 00	2 55	1 60	50		45 00
Wilsonville and Lebanon	David Reck	15	7	22	1	1	9	25	1	4 00	1 80	5 00	1 50	1 00	50		
Cards and Wellfleet	F. E. Eaton, supply	2	2	4	2	2	1	9	1	1 20	51	1 50	45	30	15		
Hayes Center and Emerson	J. L. Dodge, District Elder	2		2													
CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT	J. L. Dodge, District Elder	24	3	27	2	2	8	30	7	8 40	3 78	12 00	3 15	2 10	1 05		
Central City and Polk	W. L. Farnham, J. A. Anderson	12	1	13	1	1	2	10	4	4 80	2 16	4 00	1 80	1 20	35		
Belgrade and Fullerton	P. L. Pickett	7	1	8	1	1	3	10	3	2 80	1 26	4 00	1 05	1 20	35		
Albion	J. M. Messer, supply	2	2	4	1	1	1	5	20	5 20	2 34	6 50	1 95	1 30	65	2 40	21 25
Spalding and Bartlett	B. B. Orr, Lizzie Orr, supply	13	6	19	2	2	1	1	6	3 20	1 44	4 00	1 20	80	40		29 22
Horace and Ericson	A. F. Smith, supply	3	1	4	1	1	3	10	3	4 80	2 16	3 42	1 80	1 20	60		
Burwell	C. H. Sawyer	13	9	22	1	1	6	45	3								
St. Paul and Palmer	L. D. Cleveenger, Z. Cleveenger, sup.	9		9	1	1	1	6	6								
Giltner and Hastings	J. L. Dodge	22	1	23	2	2	5	15	5	8 80	3 96	11 00	3 30	2 20	1 10		
ANSLEY DISTRICT	J. L. Dodge, District Elder	22	1	23	2	2	5	15	5	8 80	3 96	11 00	3 30	2 20	1 10		
Ansley and Leppan	R. E. Bennett, supply	14	1	15	1	1	4	20	3	5 60	1 62	4 50	1 35	1 90	45	5 00	8 00
Litchfield and Leppan City	Sarah E. Bennett	4	1	5	1	1	1	4	3	5 00	2 34	6 00	1 90	1 20	60		
Ravenna and Hazard	G. E. Bennett	11	1	12	1	1	4	20	4	5 20	2 34	6 50	1 90	1 20	60		
Broken Bow and Merna	A. A. Chamber, G. Chamber, sups.	24	5	29	2	2	6	20	6	8 76	3 24	6 50	2 70	1 80	90		
Sargent, Walworth and Oonstock	E. D. Rickard, F. McNess, sups.	10	10	20	2	2	1	6	2	3 76	3 24	6 50	2 70	1 80	90		
NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT	Otto Zimmerman, Dist. Elder	10	1	11	1	1	6	25	4	3 20	1 44	4 50	1 25	80	40		38 65
North Platte and Hershey	Otto Zimmerman	8	1	9	1	1	6	25	4	2 00	1 30	2 50	1 75	50	25		6 16
Gandy and Whittier	Otto Zimmerman	3	1	4	1	1	4	20	2	2 00	90	2 50	75	50	25		
Lemley and Omaha	Otto Zimmerman	2	3	5	1	1	4	20	2	80	35	1 00	30	20	10		
Bridgeport and Ickes	Netta Robertson, supply	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	2								36 23
Lewellen and Ash Creek	J. M. Eggers									9 60	1 96	61 45	1 20	1 90	1 25		263 54
	Raised at conference.																
	Raised otherwise																
Total		465	75	540	22	23	126	578	144	\$32 40	\$2 08	\$290 00	\$8 40	\$45 60	\$22 80	\$30 75	\$374 00

# KANSAS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
MANHATTAN, KANSAS, AUGUST 26-29, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

EDWARD C. LINDLEY, *Secretary*      EDWIN R. FORD, *Asst. Secretary*  
A SIEBERT, *Statistical Secretary*      E. E. WITCHEY, *Treasurer*

H. S. DYE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, Walter Scott, C. N. Joyner, G. I. Winans.

*On State of the Work*—S. F. Wilson, J. A. Manning, J. L. Phillippi, Walter Scott.

*On Education*—C. L. Fike, Wilma E. Watson, E. E. Witchey.

*On Reforms*—A. Neil, J. G. Bignall, George Wright.

*On Publications*—W. S. Place, Mrs. S. E. Miller, I. J. Drew.

*On Sunday-schools*—H. S. Dye, A. S. Ford, John Horrell.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—C. L. Fike, S. V. Coe, Noah Surface.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—J. E. Wade.

*To Publish the Minutes*—E. C. Lindley, E. R. Ford.

*On Resolutions*—G. I. Winans, Abbie Nance.

*On Press Correspondence*—Maud Fike.

*On Ministerial Relation and Efficiency*—H. S. Dye, A. A. Huntsinger, Robert E. Sherwood.

*On Charities*—C. H. Jerome, W. W. Harris, John Johnson.

*On Memoirs*—J. L. Phillippi, William Buchanan, James Anderson.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—W. T. Hogue, Walter Scott, S. F. Wilson, R. T. Littler, J. S. Jones.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. L. Phillippi, E. R. Ford, H. S. Dye, F. V. Ingersoll, B. N. Place.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. A. Chaney, five years, president; J. L. Phillippi, four years, secretary; Walter Scott, three years; S. F. Wilson, two years; William Buchanan.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Neil, five years; C. N. Joyner, four years; W. W. Harris, three years; S. F. Wilson, two years; J. L. Phillippi, one year.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Home Missions (25 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Etta Chilson, Alma, Kansas; first vice-president, Maud Fike, Man-



hattan. Kansas; second vice-president, Fannie Heck, Salina, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Lily Southworth, Barrett, Kansas; recording secretary, Wilma Watson, 2703 North 8th street, Kansas City, Kansas; treasurer, Lula Huntsinger, 1208 Colorado street, Manhattan, Kansas; president of Junior work, Louisa Wilson, 705 North Main street, Ottawa, Kansas.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in the conference?

### PREACHERS

S. V. Green.	D. M. Poor.	Walter Scott,
G. G. Pritchard,	S. F. Wilson,	G. I. Winans,
A. Neil,	J. G. Bignall,	A. S. Ford,
J. L. Phillippi.	A. Siebert,	W. W. Harris,
C. L. Fike,	William Buchanan,	J. A. Manning,
W. S. Place,	E. G. Cooper,	J. A. Chaney.
E. R. Ford,	E. C. Lindley,	C. C. Cox,
R. C. Myers.	S. V. Coe,	H. S. Dye,
H. M. Brandt,	Robert Sherwood,	S. R. Sayre,
F. S. Atwell,	C. H. Jerome,	C. N. Root.

Woman evangelist having seat in conference, Mrs. Fannie Martin Heck.

### DELEGATES

Mrs. S. E. Miller,	A. A. Huntsinger,	N. S. Surface,
I. J. Drew,	Cyrus Miller,	Florence Hawkins,
Mrs. M. S. Cooper,	O. Douby,	Mrs. A. R. Kring,
Tabitha Packard,	J. S. Jones,	M. M. Root,
Mrs. M. E. Gardner,	Maud Fike,	James Anderson,
A. F. Yeager,	Wilma Watson,	R. T. Littler,
Louie Neaderhiser,	Florence Nutter,	J. Johnson,
W. J. Hastings,	E. E. Witchey,	Alberta Lakey,
Abbie Nance,	John Bryan,	George Wright,
C. A. Shannon,	J. E. Wade,	J. Horrell,
Clara Howell,	F. E. Noggle.	L. J. Brook,
R. H. Young,	Affie Carlson.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, S. F. Wilson, J. A. Manning, Walter Scott, J. L. Phillippi, N. S. Surface, J. S. Jones, M. M. Root, R. T. Littler.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. H. Southworth, M. L. Root, J. L. Whitney.

4. Who remain on trial? F. E. Bonham, E. T. Layne, J. N. Sheets, D. A. Heck, H. J. Whitney, S. C. Lyman, James W. Myer, John Boettcher, P. J. Postlewait.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. N. Root.

6. Who are the deacons? A. S. Ford, W. S. Place, R. C. Myers, H. M. Brandt, Robert Sherwood, H. S. Dye, C. N. Root, S. C. Lyman (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. C. Lindley, J. R. Barron (local).

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. R. Sayre, C. C. Cox.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? S. V. Green, D. M. Poor, G. G. Pritchard, E. G. Cooper, G. I. Winans, W. W. Harris.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. S. Atwell, from West Kansas conference; C. N. Jerome, from Kentucky and Tennessee conference (by consent of district elders).

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? R. B. Ralls.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. T. Layne, G. B. Clark, J. W. Norris, J. N. Sheets.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Frank A. Root.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? G. I. Winans, \$60; S. V. Green, \$45; E. G. Cooper, \$60; G. G. Pritchard, \$100; W. W. Harris, \$150; Mrs. L. A. Watson, \$150; child of Mrs. L. A. Watson, \$25; Mrs. Mamie Root, \$35; children of Mrs. Mamie Root, \$65; Mrs. Mary Fear, \$10; children of Fred Scott, \$75; children of J. W. Buckner, \$30; child of J. H. Robins, \$25.

22, 23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Solomon, Kansas, as near the last week in August as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-ninth session of the Kansas conference met at Manhattan, Kansas, August 26-29, 1908. Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided to the great satisfaction of all present.

Sixty dollars was reported raised by the conference for the purpose of tombstones at the graves of the Revs. I. N. Watson and Fred Scott.

Fannie Martin Heck was the first woman evangelist to enroll under the new regime as a voting member of the conference.

Conference elected a Sunday-school secretary and evangelist.

The conference voted to raise the equivalent of twenty-five cents a member for home missions.

After the morning services on the Sabbath, E. C. Lindley and J. R. Barron were ordained elders. Preceding the afternoon services, E. N. Root and S. C. Lyman were ordained deacons.

The presence of our honored fathers, S. V. Green and G. G. Pritchard, was a source of inspiration to the conference.

## APPOINTMENTS

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT—A. NEIL, District Elder, Clay Center, Kansas  
 Clay Center.....J. T. Bivins, Minnie Bivins, supplies, Clay Center, Kansas  
 Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye..J. G. Bignall, Washington, "  
 Barrett, Antioch and Frankfort.....C. H. Southworth, Barrett, "  
 Manhattan .....C. L. Fike, Manhattan, "  
 Alma.....C. F. Howard, supply, Alma, "  
 Junction City .....  
 .....R. C. Myers, 1219 North Franklin street, Junction City, "

A. Nell, member Clay Center district quarterly conference; G. I. Winans, superannuated; E. T. Layne, given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer.

#### SOLOMON DISTRICT—A. NEIL, District Elder

Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....Walter Scott, Solomon, Kansas  
 Minneapolis, Concord Center and Bennington.....  
 .....Luke Scripter, supply, Minneapolis, "  
 Jeffcoat, Industry and Abilene.....  
 .....A. Siebert, R. F. D. 1., Box 40, Talmage, "  
 Oak Hill and Storm Center.....  
 .....J. W. Myer, Florence Myer, supply, Oak Hill, "

#### EMPORIA DISTRICT—S. F. WILSON, District Elder

Emporia.....E. C. Lindley, No. 2 South State street, Emporia, Kansas  
 Neosho Rapids and Burlington..J. R. Barron, supply, Neosho Rapids, "  
 Union and Americus.....W. S. Place, R. F. D., Reading, "  
 Plymouth.....H. M. Brandt, R. F. D., Olivet, "  
 Climax and Utopia.....C. H. Jerome, Climax, "  
 S. V. Green, superannuated.

#### IOLA DISTRICT—S. F. WILSON, District Elder, 705 North Main street, Ottawa, Kansas

Iola.....F. E. Bonham, 410 North Ohio street, Iola, Kansas  
 Bronson, Fort Scott and Logan schoolhouse..John Boettcher, Bronson, "  
 Girard, Roseland and Mulberry.....P. J. Postlewait, Girard, "  
 Pittsburg.....W. H. Stackhouse, supply, Pittsburg, "  
 Altamont, Montana and Parsons..W. M. Swickard, supply, Altamont, "  
 G. G. Pritchard, superannuated; S. F. Wilson, member Iola district quarterly conference.

#### WICHITA DISTRICT—J. A. CHANEY, District Elder, 435 Seneca street, Wichita, Kansas

Wichita .....F. S. Atwell, Alice Atwell, supply, North Second and  
 .....Seneca street .....Wichita, Kansas  
 Rose Hill, Latham and Udall.....M. L. Root, Rose Hill, "  
 Winfield .....  
 ....S. C. Lyman, Fannie Lyman, supply, 818 Sixth street, Winfield, "  
 Arkansas City and Vinton..Jennie Whitney, supply, Arkansas City, "  
 Caldwell and Doster.....William Buchanan, Caldwell, "  
 J. A. Chaney, member Wichita district quarterly conference; D. M. Poor,  
 E. G. Cooper, superannuated.

#### MARION DISTRICT—J. A. CHANEY, District Elder

Marion .....J. L. Whitney, Marion, Kansas  
 McPherson, Canton and Lookout.....C. N. Root, McPherson, "  
 Matfield Green, Jackson schoolhouse and Wonsevu.....  
 .....John Fridley, supply, Matfield Green, "  
 Chapel Hill, Pleasant Hill and Gypsum..G. D. Smith, supply, Gypsum, "  
 Salina and Dry Creek.....  
 .....D. A. Heck, Fannie Martin Heck, supply, Salina, "  
 C. C. Cox, S. R. Sayre, supernumeraries.

#### LAWRENCE DISTRICT—J. L. PHILLIPPI, District Elder

Lawrence, Perry and Fairview.....To be supplied  
 Kansas City.....A. S. Ford, 2715 N. Fremont street, Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas City Mission.....  
 ....S. V. Coe, Kate Coe, supply, 738 South Fifth street, Kansas City, Kansas  
 Leavenworth Mission.....  
 W. L. Coy, Mrs. W. L. Coy, supplies, 301 Walnut St., Leavenworth, "  
 Topeka..... J. A. Manning, 1106 North Lime street, Topeka, "  
 Meriden .....To be supplied

#### OTTAWA DISTRICT—J. L. PHILLIPPI, District Elder

Ottawa.....E. R. Ford, Ottawa, Kansas  
 "mony and Old Union.....H. J. Whitney, R. F. D., Baldwin, "  
 Vassar, Michigan and Scranton.....To be supplied  
 Ransomville and Pleasant Valley.....To be supplied  
 Greeley and Victor.....To be supplied  
 Agricola and Glenwood.....R. B. Sherwood, Agricola, Kansas  
 H. S. Dye, evangelist and Sunday-school secretary; W. W. Harris, superannuated; J. L. Phillippi, member of the Ottawa district quarterly conference.

### LOCAL PREACHERS—ORDAINED

H. D. Kelley.....Scranton, Kansas	M. M. Root.....Salina, Kansas
N. S. Surface.....Lyndon, "	John Mitchell.....Edna, "
George Palmer...Leavenworth, "	T. M. Hardy.....Abilene, "
D. B. Williams.....Pauline, "	N. W. Hamilton...Burlington, "
L. J. Brock.....Parsons, "	C. N. Joyner.....Manhattan, "
W. E. Huff.....Solomon, "	R. T. Littler....Clay Center, "
J. S. Pigman..Neosho Rapids, "	Job Holliday....Arkansas City, "
G. D. Smith.....Gypsum, Kansas	

### LOCAL PREACHERS

W. W. Welman..Arkansas City, Kansas	O. Douby.....Williamsburg, Kansas
G. W. Parkman....Emporia, "	F. V. Ingersoll.....Lyndon, "
G. M. Duvall.....Liberty, "	W. W. Stewart....Oak Hill, "
Arthur Howard...Greenville, Illinois	Charles McElfresh..Emporia, "
R. C. Herrington..Trimble, Missouri	A. B. Wilson.....Oswego, "
John Walrafen.....Endora, Kansas	L. C. Cookson....Wakefield, "
J. E. Wade.....Ottawa, "	A. J. Marrs.....Elsmore, "
C. L. Helvey..Soldiers' Home, "	W. M. Pratt.....Fairfield, Nevada
R. F. Sealy.....Ottawa, "	J. D. Myers.....Windom, Kansas
J. E. Hulet, 825 Sanford avenue, Kansas City, Kansas	C. W. Lowe.....Galva, "
	G. A. Wright.....Climax, "

### LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Fannie May.....Bennington, Kansas	Mrs. M. E. Harris...Ottawa, Kansas
Mrs. Florence Myer..Oak Hill, "	Mrs. S. D. Nichols..Vineland, "
Mrs. Eunice Cowgill, Emporia, Kansas	Mrs. R. B. Peddicord, Williamsburg, Kansas
Mrs. R. A. Kring, Leavenworth, Kansas	Mrs. Mabel Sherwood, Agricola, Kansas
Mrs. R. E. Hedges, Kansas City, Kansas	Mrs. Mary Hubbard, Arkansas City, Kansas
Lillie Coghill....Topeka, Kansas	Hiss Ada Hubbard..Emporia, Kansas
Mrs. Maggie Witchey, 1610 VanBuren street, Topeka, Kansas	Mrs. Alberta Bonham, 410 North Ohio street, Iola, Kansas

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Ida Ingersoll....Lyndon, Kansas	Mrs. Dora Gant Sluthour, Manhattan, Kansas
Mrs. Nellie Winans, Manhattan, Kansas.	Mrs. Ida Shines....Emporia, Kansas
Mrs. Mary Fear, 423 East Fifth avenue, Topeka, Kansas	Mrs. Katie Ralls....Winfield, "
Miss Florence Jolly, Greenville, Illinois	T. C. Rish.....Wichita, "
Mrs. Fannie Lyman...Wichita, Kansas	Miss Lillie Southworth, Barrett, Kansas

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$136.65; paid, \$136.30; deficit, 35 cents.  
 BISHOP'S SALARY—Assessed, \$163.98; paid, \$161.45; deficit, \$2.53.  
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$91.10; paid, \$87.80; deficit, \$3.30.  
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$45.55; paid, \$43.26; deficit, \$2.29.  
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed, \$364.40; paid, \$356.65; deficit, \$7.75.  
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$91.10; paid, \$83.00; deficit, \$8.10.  
 BALANCE ON HAND—\$4.06.  
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$16.48.  
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$15.76.  
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$3.29.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON MEMOIRS

The grim monster, Death, has once more invaded our ranks, claiming as his victim one of our brightest and best young men, who will be ever held in grateful remembrance by all who knew him.

Rev. Frank Adelbert Root was born November 8, 1876, and was called to glory, January 23, 1908. He was converted at the age of twenty, and entered the ministry at the age of twenty-two years, uniting with the Kansas conference, of which he was a faithful member until death. He labored nine years and went home from the field of battle. He loved his mission. At the end he cried out of the depths of his soul, "Oh! if I had a thousand lives, I would give them all to Jesus."

We, with the bereaved wife and children, do truly mourn his departure, but not without hope. Oh, that his mantle might fall on each of us! Amen.

### II.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

We believe the Sabbath-school to be one of the most important factors of the church. This being granted, we, as a church, should make it a success. We should engage the most earnest attention of our best men. The organization, the teaching, the doctrine, the spirituality of the Sunday-school should be zealously guarded, and every effort put forth to advance this work.

As the pastor is to a great degree responsible for the success of the Sunday-school, we urge him to be more active in the Sunday-school work. He should study, plan, pray and work for its advancement. As there are so many schools poorly organized, and some not organized at all, we would ask our preachers that they take up in their sermons on Sunday-school, the organization of schools, duties of its officers and teachers, and see that each office is filled by persons who will carry out the work of the office.

If it be a fact "that impressions made on the mind of a child be lasting, and the doctrine taught them in childhood cleaves to them through life, and possibly plays a large part in the child's future," then we should be diligent to teach the child the truth of God in its purity, and guard the child with zealous care.

The church as a whole has been aroused to the fact that, we are looking



to our children and are putting forth every effort to regain what we have neglected.

Let us, as a conference, make some move, and awake from our long sleep, on the Sunday-school line. As individuals, let us begin now to *think*, plan put to action plans and we will see a wonderful reformation in the Sunday-school work, and our children will be saved to the church and to God. We find in this Sabbath-school work that we deal largely with children of tender minds. In so doing many, perchance, that are unsaved, are won to Christ. Therefore, care should be taken in the selection of officers and teachers, choosing only those who enjoy the grace of God.

### III.—ON EDUCATION

We, the committee on education, recommend that our young people strive, as far as possible, to lay a good foundation for a life of active work, in the way of a thorough Christian education.

We especially recommend that those who are contemplating entering the ministry of the Free Methodist church, in so far as their money and time permit, prepare for the same, by not only completing the prescribed course of study for such work, but also as many other helpful studies as possible.

We further recommend that this work be pursued in our own seminaries and in our college at Greenville, Illinois, where the moral and spiritual influences are the best.

### IV.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

Another conference year has passed away with all its blessing, conflicts and victories. Its opportunities have gone forever. As we look backward a moment, we see where many things might have been better had we been more diligent and abundant in labors. There is an apparent lack of aggressiveness among us, such as should not characterize a church engaged in reformatory work, and the spread of scriptural holiness. In many places there is a lack of sacrifice in regard to attendance on the means of grace, especially that of class meetings, camp meetings, and district quarterly meetings. We should all be awake to this subject and stir each other up to greater diligence.

In many places our Sunday-schools are not what they should be. In some cases there is an absence of the children of Free Methodist families, and in others not half the attendance there would be, under a well directed and vigorous effort upon the part of the pastor and the church. This department of our work must be revived.

While we believe we are the most liberal people on the earth, yet we need God's "try square" in regard to finances. Our obligations to our preachers are greatly neglected. Also our conference collections should all be taken as ordered by the conference.

We also see the great need of closely observing the results of the different methods used in carrying on the work of the church, and adopt those methods which will secure the greatest good.

We recommend that more personal work be done by our preachers, such as visiting, reading the Scriptures and praying with the people. This part of our work is sadly neglected. While this is true, we thank God for His continued care over us in preserving our lives and giving us grace whereby we have been enabled to live and work for Him during the past year.

Revival services have been held on quite a number of circuits, with good results. Also eight camp meetings were held at each of which a goodly number of souls were saved and sanctified and some added to the church. We believe the conference is increasing in spirituality and also in membership. We are also glad to note that in some parts of our conference, calls are coming to us from those who desire a pure gospel to come over and help them.

With a deeper consecration and a greater effort we may look for greater victories during the year to come than ever before. Let us go up at once and possess the land for we are well able to do so.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
OLAY CENTER DISTRICT							\$242 07					
Olaj Center.....	\$10 00		\$ 6 53	\$ 70	\$ 134 70	\$ 54	28 95	\$ 6 30	1	900	1	\$ 400
Washington, Spring Valley, etc.	1 00	1 40	33 48	1 20	242 55	48	28 35	145 55	1	1500	1	400
Barrett, Antioch and Frankford.	1 00	1 00	15 30	2 15	320 00	25	73 69	60 00	1	500	1	500
Manhattan and Wamego.....				1 25	276 50	40	52 58		1	2000	1	
Alma.....			8 42		136 03	72	23 47	8 00	1	1500	1	1200
Junction City.....		1 05	25 06	1 35	233 98	120	35 03	11 13	1	800	1	1000
SOLOMON DISTRICT							239 84					
Solomon and Cox school house..	4 81		31 37	2 30	455 12	60	62 53	65 70	1	1100	1	1000
Minneapolis, Pawnee Gap, etc.			16 00	1 70	386 60		49 65		2	2000		
Industry, Jeffcoat & Green Rid'g		1 67	10 08	90	350 08	60	81 66				1	1000
Oak Hill and Storm Center.....	1 40	1 50	21 25	1 10	218 57	72	46 00	37 00			1	750
EMPORIA DISTRICT							271 65					
Emporia.....			40 32	2 55	347 63	100	61 67	8 00	1	1000	1	800
Union and Americus.....			9 50	1 05	260 00	80	36 19				1	600
Neosha Rapids and Hartford.....			4 77	75	175 00	28	42 30	8 63	1	700	1	200
Plymouth and - alvern.....			16 40	1 70	156 94	30	40 25		1	1200	1	200
Climax and Utopia.....			13 50	1 85	213 30	75	46 00	3 00	1	1200	1	300
Agricola and Glenwood.....		1 00	16 05		279 26	36	45 24	20 16	1	400	1	600
IOLA DISTRICT							135 62					
Iola.....		92	24 77	1 55	345 69	84	42 09		1	1200	1	600
Bronson and Logan S. H.....				20	76 25	60	30 03				1	600
Girard.....				35	47 61		17 01		1	400	1	600
Pittsburg.....			15 07	25	197 52		30 00	31 88	1	1000		
Altamont, Montana and Parsons					210 09	60	26 50	61 78			1	600
WICHITA DISTRICT							228 22					
Wichita.....		1 00	25 00	1 90	305 35	100	51 09	96 14	1	2000	1	1000
Rose Hill and Latham.....				70	63 65		29 14	14 50	1	800		
Winfield.....			42 64		215 86	45	60 06	13 55	1	1500	1	500
Arkansas City.....			16 24	1 05	339 50	72	50 00	98 76	1	1200	1	500
Caldwell and Doster.....			4 20	77	208 18	72	35 00	12 00	1	1400	1	400
Sleet's Addition and South Bend					20 07		12 93					
MARION DISTRICT							206 02					
Marion, Walton and Dist. No. 22.	89	31	21 00	1 40	245 80	72	53 64	76 88	1	1000	1	700
McPherson, Canton and Lookout				93	188 71	72	53 62	23 50	1	500	1	500
Matfield Green, Jackson S. H., etc	3 10	3 18		55	133 90	60	22 70				1	500
Chapel Hill, Pleasant Hill, etc...				45	72 00	12	41 41				1	350
Salina and Dry Creek.....				80	203 51		34 65					
LAWRENCE DISTRICT							156 06					
Lawrence, Parry and Fairview..				35	82 00	54	21 65		1	1000		
Kansas City.....	1 00		32 80	95	250 00	141	40 00	13 70	1	1000	1	1500
Kansas City Mission.....			31 58	40	86 00	155	19 00					
Leavenworth Mission.....			9 08		390 75		30 87	9 70				
Topeka and Meriden.....	2 23		40 76	2 10	300 00	7	44 54	44 40	1	1400	1	1100
OTTAWA DISTRICT							214 97					
Ottawa.....	1 50	35 19	1 55	180 27	58	45 66			1	1000	1	900
Harmony and Old Union.....	2 80	15 00	1 80	225 00	25	40 00	10 00		2	2000	1	500
Vassar and Michigan Valley.....			55	191 56	20	40 75	28 00					
Sac Creek and Ransomville.....			15 00	26	49 16	60	40 00					
Scranton and Osage City.....			10 98	70	208 45	40	15 25		1	700		
Greely and Indianapolis.....			15 51	10	165 80	36	30 31	17 25			1	400
Total.....	\$19 10	\$20 48	\$ 626 43	\$40 28	\$9238 94	2214	1694 45	\$ 931 06	31	\$ 32900	31	\$20200

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

## CLAY CENTER, SOLOMON, EMPORIA AND IOLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions	
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT	Clay Center.....	18	2	20	1	3	18	64	4	5 00	2 52	1 40	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....	25 68
	Washington, Spring Valley, etc.....	24	2	26	1	2	8	13	7	9 60	4 32	.....	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	71 14	
	Barrett, Antioch and Frankford.....	36	5	41	1	1	8	40	11	17 20	7 44	4 30	6 45	4 30	.....	2 31	40 00	
	Mandan and Wamego.....	30	1	31	1	1	10	30	7	10 00	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	.....	20 60	40 00	
	Alma.....	10	3	13	1	1	5	24	2	4 09	1 80	1 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	4 30	
	Junction City.....	23	1	24	1	1	8	40	4	10 80	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	.....	5 00	16 50	
SOLOMON DISTRICT	Solomon and Cox school house.....	44	5	49	1	1	8	73	10	18 40	8 28	4 60	6 90	4 60	.....	9 16	71 46	
	Minneapolis, Pawnee Gap, etc.....	32	2	34	1	2	12	35	11	14 00	6 30	3 50	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	73 70	
	Industry, Jeffcoat and Green Ridge.....	20	2	22	1	1	8	30	10	7 20	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	25 92	
	Oak Hill and Storm Center.....	25	1	26	1	2	13	34	12	8 80	3 96	2 20	3 30	2 20	.....	13 45	.....	
	Emporia.....	62	6	68	2	3	14	55	6	20 40	9 45	5 10	7 65	5 10	.....	.....	145 65	
EMPORIA DISTRICT	Union and Americus.....	20	2	22	1	1	6	30	8	8 40	3 75	2 10	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....	
	Neosho Rapids and Hartford.....	15	2	17	1	1	4	15	5	4 80	2 71	.....	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....	
	Plymouth and Melvern.....	26	1	27	1	1	9	50	5	10 68	6 12	.....	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	.....	
	Climax and Utopia.....	32	1	33	1	2	11	30	8	14 80	6 66	3 70	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	10 50	
	Agricola and Glenwood.....	24	1	25	1	1	8	33	7	10 40	4 68	2 62	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	.....	
IOLA DISTRICT	Iola.....	39	13	52	2	1	8	60	15	12 40	5 58	3 10	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	6 24	
	Bronson and Logan school house.....	6	1	7	1	1	3	15	4	1 60	72	40	1 05	40	.....	.....	.....	
	Girard.....	5	1	6	1	1	3	15	1	2 80	1 26	70	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....	
	Pittsburg.....	12	2	14	1	1	7	40	2	1 50	1 00	75	1 00	50	.....	.....	2 00	
	Altamont, Montana and Parsons.....	20	1	21	1	1	7	40	10	8 07	3 78	.....	3 15	.....	.....	7 00	8 95	

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

WICHITA, MARION, TOWNSEND AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
WICHITA DISTRICT																		
Wichita.....	S. C. Lyman.....	47	11	58	1	4	1	8	57	18	15 20 *	6 81	3 80	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	\$ 67 23
Rose Hill and Latham.....	H. M. Brandt.....	11	11	22	1	1	1	1	1	5	5 60	2 52	1 40	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	40 41
Winfield.....	Mary E. Fear.....	25	7	32	1	1	1	10	66	3	10 80	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	55 79
Arkansas City.....	Jeanie Whitney.....	32	8	35	2	2	1	11	28	11	8 40	3 79	2 10	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	125 77
Adwell and Doster.....	Wm. Buchanan.....	13	13	1	1	1	1	4	9	3	4 40	1 98	1 10	1 65	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Steels Addition and South Bend.....	Job Holliday.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MARION DISTRICT																		
Marion, Walton and Dist. No. 22.....	D. A. Heck.....	23	2	24	1	2	1	7	17	5	11 20	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	10 00
McPherson, Canton and Lookout.....	C. M. Root.....	18	18	2	1	1	1	7	25	6	7 60	3 42	1 90	2 85	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Mathfield Green, Jackson S. H., etc.....	George D. Smith.....	9	9	11	1	1	1	8	18	5	4 40	1 96	.....	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Charles Hill Pleasant Hill, etc.....	M. L. Root.....	9	9	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	5	3 60	1 62	90	1 35	90	.....	.....	.....
Salina and Dry Creek.....	M. M. Root.....	16	16	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	5	6 40	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
LAWRENCE DISTRICT																		
Lawrence, Perry and Fairview.....	C. L. Elke.....	8	8	2	1	1	1	3	10	3	2 80	1 26	70	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City.....	A. S. Ford.....	20	4	24	2	1	1	12	50	6	7 60	3 42	1 90	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City Mission.....	S. V. Coe.....	7	4	11	1	1	1	7	38	2	3 20	1 44	80	1 30	80	.....	.....	5 25
Leavenworth Mission.....	W. L. Coy.....	18	3	21	2	2	1	9	20	2	6 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Topeka and Meriden.....	A. Nell.....	40	40	1	1	1	1	8	60	8	16 80	7 56	4 20	6 30	4 20	.....	1 98	10 00
OTTAWA DISTRICT																		
Ottawa.....	W. W. Harris.....	27	3	30	1	1	1	10	43	9	12 40	5 58	3 10	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....
Hammond and Old Union.....	H. J. Whitney.....	32	4	36	1	1	1	18	50	11	14 40	6 48	3 60	5 40	3 60	.....	.....	11 00
Vasson and Montgomery.....	E. J. Wye.....	11	12	2	1	1	1	3	34	2	4 40	1 96	1 00	1 65	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Sac Creek and Russellville.....	E. F. Seely.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	8	34	3	5 20	3 24	1 40	2 80	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Scranton and Osage City.....	F. L. Whitney.....	17	17	1	1	1	1	10	30	4	5 20	3 24	1 40	1 30	1 20	.....	.....	.....
Greeley and Indianapolis.....	H. D. Kelley.....	7	7	1	1	1	1	4	36	4	8 80	36	20	1 30	1 20	.....	.....	4 00
Total.....		316	84	1000	32	34	42	300	1274	355	356 65	\$ 161 47	\$ 77 77	\$ 136 15	\$ 87 70	.....	\$ 59 50	\$731 49

# ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 8-12, 1908

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*On Reforms*—W. J. Bone, R. G. Wilkin, J. W. Hill, P. W. Newcomer, William Harper, George Winans, Henry Barrett.  
*On Education*—B. D. Fay, M. F. Childs, W. P. Ferries, Maria A. Rose, Pearl Kerr, H. L. K. Stokes.  
*On Publications*—W. H. Winters, G. H. Behner, W. M. Kelsey, T. B. Arnold, Elizabeth Shaver.  
*On Sunday-schools*—Henry Lenz, G. C. Mills, J. H. Porter, D. M. Allen, John Harvey, William Bloom, James Rundle.  
*On Charities*—W. G. Hanmer, D. W. Hart, C. M. Stirdivant, Milton Pierson, Virginia E. Gates, P. O. Lind.  
*Auditing Committee*—J. W. Hill, E. A. Tapper, M. F. Childs.  
*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.  
*On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—T. B. Webb.  
*On Examining Quarterly Conference Records*—R. G. Wilkin, J. T. Taylor, D. W. Hart, Bertha Rubeck.  
*To Report for the Press*—W. H. Winters, Mrs. Mary Willing.  
*On Complimentary Resolutions*—G. H. Behner, M. L. Johnson, A. L. Wright, D. W. Finch.  
*To Visit Evansville Seminary*—T. B. Arnold, Philip Kiltz.  
*To Visit the Woodstock Homes*—W. G. Hanmer, Maria A. Rose, Elizabeth Shaver.  
*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.  
*On Nominations*—H. O. Hubbard, W. G. Hanmer, E. G. Cryer, T. B. Arnold, G. R. Cottingham, Philip Kiltz.  
*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Burton R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, W. G. Hanmer, F. J. Kline, J. M. Woodard.

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*On State of the Work*—H. O. Hubbard    *On Publications*—W. P. Ferries  
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F. D. Brooke, president; M. F. Childs, secretary, Fairbury, Illinois.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

**PREACHERS**

James Sprague.	W. P. Ferries,	J. D. Kelsey.
F. D. Brooke,	P. W. Newcomer,	W. M. Kelsey,
J. T. Taylor,	H. O. Hubbard,	John Harvey,
F. M. Fish,	A. W. Parry,	B. D. Fay,
J. G. Rockenbach,	E. G. Cryer,	M. L. Johnson.
G. H. Behner,	Henry Lenz,	W. J. Bone,

**PREACHERS**—Continued

W. C. Willing,	W. S. Scalf,	R. G. Wilkin,
George Bradfield,	J. T. Merry,	C. M. Stirdivant,
E. A. Tapper,	T. B. Webb,	J. W. Hill,
M. F. Childs,	D. W. Finch,	W. H. Winters,
W. G. Hammer,	A. L. Wright,	D. W. Hart,
G. C. Mills.		

[Woman evangelist having a seat in conference, Bertha Rubeck]

**DELEGATES**

W. J. Jackson,	J. M. Woodard,	F. J. Kline,
G. R. Cottingham,	H. L. K. Stokes,	William Bloom,
Philip Kiltz,	E. K. Bute,	William Harper,
James Rundle,	Henry Barrett,	T. B. Arnold,
George Winans,	Peter O. Lind,	D. M. Allen,
J. H. Cook,	James H. Porter,	Pearl Kerr,
Mrs. D. D. West,	Elizabeth Shaver,	Maria A. Rose,
Kalida Dutro,	Virginia E. Gates,	W. S. Sansom,
Minnie E. Bardell,	Martha Grennon,	Benjamin Rider,
Solomon Sunday,	Milton Pierson,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, W. G. Hammer, F. J. Kline, J. M. Woodard, George R. Cottingham.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Fred Siefken, John Klein.
4. Who remain on trial? James Harvey.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? George C. Mills.
6. Who are the deacons? George C. Mills, of the first class; Albert L. Wright, of the second class.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? David W. Finch; J. M. Woodard (local elder).
8. Who have located this year? J. T. Merry, at his own request.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. A. Tapper.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. M. Fish, A. W. Parry, James Sprague.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? D. W. Hart, from the Wisconsin conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. S. Scalf, to the Iowa conference; W. H. Winters, to the Wisconsin conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. M. Fish, \$50; James Sprague, \$120; Mrs. Delia Zeller, \$100; A. W. Parry, \$80; Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, \$25. Total, \$375.
- 22, 23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Freeport, Illinois, as near the first Tuesday in September as convenient for the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

For the first time the conference was entertained at Woodstock, the county seat of McHenry county, Illinois. Six sittings were held full of interest and business. The blessing of the Lord was graciously poured out upon the conference at different times during the business sittings, and the religious services were times of spiritual refreshings.

The presence of Rev. J. P. Brodhead of the South Africa conference, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. John Klein, former missionaries to India, added interest to the cause of foreign missions. A most remarkable missionary meeting was held on Sunday afternoon.

The following visiting ministers were introduced: W. B. Rose, J. P. Brodhead, John Klein, J. C. Hackley, L. E. M. Freeman, S. C. Hay, L. B. Webb.

Those who preached during the session were, Revs. D. W. Hart, M. L. Johnson, B. D. Fay, W. B. Rose, J. P. Brodhead, L. B. Webb, D. W. Finch, R. G. Wilkin, Bishop B. R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, M. F. Childs, W. P. Ferries, G. H. Behner, W. J. Bone.

The conference collections were ordered taken as follows: Conference Missions (22 cents), October; General Missions, January; Church Extension, February; Evansville Seminary, April; Conference Claimants', Permanent Fund, June; Bishops' Salaries, August; Children's Fund, Educational Fund, Foreign Missions, free-will offerings, during the year.

The following appropriations were made: Pastor, Chicago First church, \$50; district elder Elgin district, \$50; district elder Peoria and Kewanee districts, \$50; pastor Melrose Park, \$25; pastor Cary and Algonquin, \$25; pastor New Bedford, \$25.

For publishing the minutes \$31.60 was raised; offerings were taken for A. W. Parry, the resident pastor, and the secretaries. About \$300 was raised for the Woodstock Homes. The W. F. M. S. raised during the year \$1,917.23. An offering of \$403.03 was received at the missionary meeting Sunday afternoon.

## APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—E. G. CRYER, District Elder, 982 North Mozart street, Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, First church....B. R. Parks, supply, 472 Fulton St., Chicago, Illinois  
 " Second church....W. J. Bone, 48 Lexington street, " "  
 " Englewood church..G. H. Behner, 1242 W. 62d St., " "  
 " Humboldt Park .....W. M. Kelsey, 865 North Francisco avenue, " "

Chicago, Chicago Avenue Mission.....To be supplied  
 Evanston.....F. D. Brooke, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, Illinois  
 Aurora.....D. W. Hart, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, "  
 St. Charles.....P. W. Newcomer, 96 West Walnut street, St. Charles, "  
 Melrose Park.....J. W. Hill, 606 15th avenue, Melrose Park, "  
 Glen Ellyn.....To be supplied  
 Harvey .....To be supplied

B. D. Fay, financial agent Evansville Seminary; W. P. Ferries, assistant superintendent Chicago Industrial Home; J. T. Merry, granted certificate of location, at his request; E. A. Tapper, supernumerary; W. H. Winters, given certificate of good standing in view of transfer to the Wisconsin conference.

ELGIN DISTRICT—W. G. HANMER, District Elder, 1026 Ayers Court, Evanston, Illinois

Elgin.....Henry Lenz, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois  
 Freeport.....D. W. Finch, 24 American street, Freeport, "  
 Ridott, Winnebago and Rockford.....James Harvey, John Woodard, supply  
 Belvidere and Marengo.....Bertha Rubeck, Minnie E. Bardell, supplies



## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Bertha Rubeck,  
Lizzie Brooke,  
Georgia Merry,  
Emma H. Behner,  
Jennie Wessels,  
Ida R. C. Winget.

Virginia E. Gates,  
Ella H. Wendell,  
Maria A. Rose,  
Tressa R. Arnold,  
May K. Fay,

Sadie Cryer Hill,  
Della D. Bone,  
Minnie E. Bardell,  
Clara Burdick,  
Sarah A. Cooke,

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The work of the Sunday-school presents an ever widening field of Christian activity, developing as a permanent and useful factor in subduing evil and disseminating precious truth in the earth. It is one of the great world movements for righteousness, progressing slowly, yet deliberately, and often imperfectly; but like the time-worn and weather-beaten sign-board, it usually points in the right direction. It is rightly associated with the church and church work, as much so as the preaching and prayer service, or as the missionary and benevolent enterprises.

The best thought in modern Sunday-school work insists, that the Sunday-school stands not merely for the little children of the church, to be taught by a handful of saints, but that the true Sunday-school is the entire body of the church. Mr. H. M. Hamill, that prince of Sunday-school men, says, "The Sunday-school is the Christian church engaged in teaching and studying the Holy Scriptures. It is the duty of every church member to take part in it, either as learner or teacher. As a Christian school it excludes from the teaching office those who are not Christians. As a church school, it is in every case servant of the church, which is responsible for its government, discipline, results. As a school it demands qualified teachers, approved methods, definite ends. It is a school, not a 'Sunday sociable,' 'sacred concert,' 'prayer or platform meeting.'"

There is much to encourage every lover of truth, in the steady progress made by the Sunday-school. The editor of the *Christian Herald* in a recent issue, said; "Those who imagine that the Sunday-school is losing its hold upon the youth of the country need only turn to the reports read before the recent National Convention at Louisville, to find encouragement, and to learn the true condition of affairs. A net gain of 1,000,000 scholars in three years; new schools starting up at the rate of fourteen a day; over 9,000 teachers' meetings regularly maintained (an increase of over twelve per cent. since last report), and a grand total of 15,000,000 pupils enrolled in all the grades—these are statistics that ought to inspire superintendents, teachers and parents everywhere to increased zeal and still more earnest effort.

The Sunday-school is the moral backbone of the nation. In these days, when attempts are made in many places to exclude the Bible and all religious teaching from the public schools, the preservation of the Sunday-school is of the highest importance. It is a vital factor in the training of our children for Christian manhood and womanhood. By precept and example in the Christian home, and by the excellent modern system of teaching which now prevails in Sunday-schools generally, the foundations of character are laid, and proper direction is given to the child's whole nature. There is no time so favorable to the right kind of spiritual development as childhood, and no place so fitting for making a start for the road that leads to true happiness as the Sunday-school. It should be a fold for the tender lambs, a feeder for the greater church, a nursery ground for the gardens of heaven. Be loyal to the Sunday-school. Support it, stand by it, give it the benefit of your presence and influence, and count it as one of your absolute duties, if you have children, to have them there; for it is the hope of the nation and of all Christendom."

The great Jewish historian, Josephus, said concerning his nation. "Our principal care is to educate our children." God gave to the Jew that most sacred institution, that holy of holies—the home. And, before the days of the



synagogues and the schools of the prophets, the training and educating of the Jewish youth was almost wholly committed to the home; and a Jewish education was always strongly flavored with the religious idea.

The religious education that to-day is so sadly neglected in many homes must be supplied, if at all, by the Sunday-schools. Even in many professed Christian homes of to-day, there is very little religious instruction given to the boys and girls of those homes. And not only is the Sunday-school to touch the lives of our boys and girls, but we must recognize the fact that the older members of society as well, need the helpful influences of the Sunday-school. We are living in a fast age, and people are being driven by the rush of business, or blinded by the mad excitement of pleasure, so that comparatively few homes have time or any inclination for religious culture and the Sunday-school is the one agency that seeks to touch many of these lives by cultivating the habit of regular and intelligent Bible study. The Sunday-school movement to-day fairly glows with the warmth of religious activity and fervor; and is seeking to develop better, brighter and more helpful ways and means for blessing humanity, by bringing the masses into contact with the life-giving fountain, and breaking to hungry and needy souls the bread of eternal life.

As a church body, we may not find it practicable to adopt all the prevailing methods of modern Sunday-school work; but that excuse should not be taken as a covert under which to hide in pious do-nothingism. There are enough helpful ideas that we can use, that will impart to us a splendid enthusiasm, which, if directed by the Holy Spirit, will cause our own Sunday-school work to advance with leaps and bounds, if we want it so. We have made some advancement along some lines, for which we praise God, and give honor to whom honor is due. But our average attendance is about what it was ten years ago.

We commend the excellent work that has been done, and that is being done, in the determination to raise our conference work to a higher plane. But, we fear there is a disposition, altogether too prevalent, among us, as ministers and laymen, to let well enough alone, or to let the general secretary, or the conference secretary do it all. Now ignorance in the use of methods may be excusable for a time, but deliberate indifference to the great Sunday-school movement is inexcusable, and needs to be condemned in the strongest terms, whether it exists in the pulpit or pew. What our work seems to need at this time, and what we recommend to this conference for its sincere consideration, is, 1. *A general awakening* all along the line of our Sunday-school work. There is no doubt a real cause for the smallness of most of the Sunday-schools in the conference. *Our pastors and district elders* must first become thoroughly awakened. They must become leaders in thought and action; and must identify themselves with plans and efforts for the advancement of our Sunday-school interests. They should no longer shift this responsibility. We have comparatively few real enthusiastic Sunday-school pastors, those who are imbued with the idea, and who really love the work. *Our members must become* more thoroughly aroused, and made to realize the importance of sustaining and supplementing the efforts of the pastors. Our motto should be, "The entire church at Sunday-school and the entire Sunday-school at church." A noted Sunday-school leader said, "Let us give more time this year to *formation and information*, it will require less time later on for *reformation*."

2. *Improved Sunday-school methods* must be employed. Professor Hamill says, "Now our boys and girls are beginning to read, they are old enough to read their Bibles; and when a boy begins to read he begins to think, and when he begins to think he begins to question; and don't you think for one moment that what you say is going to be always accepted by those boys and girls; they are going to be very critical of the teaching they get."

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The Sunday-school world offers an array of helpful suggestions for improved methods, many of them can be adopted by our pastors and workers. Our pastors must here take the lead, and must seek to encourage aggressive work. Very much can be made of proper organization for work. The Normal

Bible Class, the Home Department, Cradle Roll, Teacher Training Classes, and other supplemental helps, will awaken new interest and offer improved methods.

3. *Consecrated devotion to this work* is demanded. Our strongest men and women must throw themselves into this work, as they do into the missionary work or preaching service. May we not, dare we not, shall we not take a forward step, and a long one, in our Sunday-school work this year?

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>CHICAGO DISTRICT</b>												
Chicago, First Church.....			\$ 138 83	\$ 1 80	\$ 255 77		\$ 72 00		1	4000		
Chicago, Second Church.....	\$ 3 60	\$ 8 03	159 66	3 55	651 44	\$ 216	142 00		1	6000	1	2000
Chicago, Englewood.....			160 20	3 00	600 00	300	120 90		1	6560	1	2500
Chicago, Humboldt Park.....			67 66	2 05	720 00		82 03		1	4000	1	3000
Chicago, Chicago Ave. Mission.....				75			30 00					
Evanston.....	3 84		107 20	3 20	625 00	240	128 32		1	11700	1	3800
Aurora.....		75	32 01	90	450 00	220	35 00		1	3000	1	2000
St. Charles.....	2 18		33 42	1 80	434 25	150	72 00	5 00	1	3100	1	2100
Melrose Park.....		7 25	39 80	85	360 43	150	36 55	13 10	1	3000	1	2600
Glen Ellyn.....			33 87	1 00	326 40	201	40 00		1	2000	1	2600
Harvey.....	3 60		26 86	1 20	263 08	144	48 00	40 00	1	2000	1	1500
<b>ELGIN DISTRICT</b>												
Elgin.....	1 00	1 00	26 96	1 85	500 00	180	88 80	10 44	1	6000	1	2000
Freeport.....	5 70		32 30	1 90	418 06	96	91 20	51 86	1	1700	1	2000
Ridott, Winnebago & Rockford..			45 06	2 40	452 80		115 20	132 25	2	3000		
Belvidere.....			20 00	1 10			52 80		1	2200	1	2000
Marengo.....	1 95		8 73	65	150 00		31 20	16 50	1	1200	1	800
Woodstock.....			52 00	1 70	300 00		82 31	58 80	1	550		
Crystal Lake & Pleasant Valley..	1 39		32 36	1 30	381 00	120	62 40	38 25	2	2500	1	1200
Cary and Algonquin.....	1 95		24 73	63	300 00	120	32 00	90 00	1	2400	1	1500
Sycamore and South Burlington			30 17	1 15	497 40	144	56 31	115 32	1	4000	1	1500
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....						25	24 00	50 00	1	2000	1	1000
Dustin.....												
<b>PEORIA DISTRICT</b>												
Peoria.....		3 61	94 00	1 80	600 60	150	81 40		2	4500	1	2000
Pekin.....				85			37 40		1	2000		
Limestone and Farmington.....		15 00	17 72		250 65		43 00		2	3300		
East Peoria.....	1 20	40	21 22		300 00	120	17 60		1	1500	1	1200
Deer Creek and Bethel.....	3 00		15 89	1 00	300 00	60	44 00		2	2700	1	700
Fairbury.....	1 00	1 00	40 88	1 40	318 35	6	61 60	1 25	1	2500	1	1500
Morris, Mazon and Joliet.....	3 90		16 17	1 10	475 00	120	57 90	18 00	2	5000	2	2500
Kempton and Mona.....			19 00	1 20	400 00	100	52 80	8 00	2	2500	1	1000
<b>KEWANEE DISTRICT</b>												
Kewanee and Galva.....		2 28	54 01	3 65	611 05	200	160 60		2	10000	1	3500
Shelfield and Atkinson.....				1 10				42 55	2	3000	1	750
New Bedford.....			15 00	1 05	160 00	42	48 80	5 50	1	1100	1	800
Rock Island and Sherrard.....	5 25	2 00	50 47	1 75	500 00	150	78 10		2	3000	1	2000
Total.....	\$40 11	\$41 32	\$1466 18	\$47 90	11600 73	3343	2032 19	\$ 696 82	41	\$ 116360 28	28	\$60050

\* Received till June 1, 1908.

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE CHICAGO AND ELGIN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference-Clam- ante Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societ- ies
CHICAGO DISTRICT																	
Chicago, First Church.....	E. G. Cryer, District Elder	31	2	33	2	1	10	110	8	14 40	6 48	7 22	5 40	3 60	.....	\$ 3 04	\$ 25 00
Chicago, Second Church.....	W. H. Winters.....	57	6	63	4	1	16	188	16	28 40	12 78	15 62	10 65	7 10	.....	82 73	715 80
Chicago, Englewood.....	George H. Behner.....	58	7	65	1	1	17	100	20	24 00	10 80	13 20	9 00	6 00	.....	.....	86 85
Chicago, Humboldt Park.....	W. M. Kelsey.....	36	2	38	1	1	12	100	8	16 40	7 38	9 02	6 15	4 10	.....	.....	57 42
Chicago, Chicago Avenue Mission.....	E. G. Cryer.....	15	4	19	1	1	1	1	4	6 00	2 70	3 80	2 25	1 60	.....	.....	18 65
Evanston.....	F. D. Crook.....	13	4	17	3	2	1	15	70	25 80	13 32	14 08	7 70	1 40	.....	.....	36 23
St. Paul.....	F. D. Crook.....	13	3	16	2	1	1	1	4	25 80	13 32	14 08	7 70	1 40	.....	.....	36 23
St. Paul.....	P. W. Hill.....	32	3	35	1	1	14	50	8	14 40	6 48	7 22	5 40	3 60	.....	81 25	100 00
St. Paul.....	P. W. Hill.....	15	0	15	1	1	10	60	3	8 00	3 05	3 74	2 55	1 70	.....	.....	100 00
St. Paul.....	E. F. Aiken, supply.....	19	1	20	3	1	1	8	35	4 00	3 60	4 44	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	48 60
Glen Ellyn.....	E. F. Aiken, supply.....	19	1	20	3	1	1	8	35	4 00	3 60	4 44	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	48 60
Harvey.....	D. W. Hart.....	23	2	25	1	1	7	22	6	9 60	4 32	5 28	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	76 18
ELGIN DISTRICT																	
Elgin.....	W. G. Hammer, District Elder	38	1	39	1	1	10	40	8	14 80	6 65	8 14	5 55	3 70	.....	1 00	18 35
Freeport.....	Henry Lenz.....	43	2	45	2	1	15	60	15	19 50	8 64	10 55	7 20	4 80	.....	9 14	60 85
Ridott.....	W. G. Hammer.....	22	2	24	1	1	15	25	6	19 50	8 64	10 55	7 20	4 80	.....	.....	5 25
Rockford.....	W. G. Hammer.....	22	2	24	1	1	15	25	6	19 50	8 64	10 55	7 20	4 80	.....	.....	5 25
Woodstock.....	Bertha Ruback, supply.....	14	1	15	1	1	4	15	4	5 20	2 34	2 84	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	7 45
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley.....	J. D. Kelsey.....	36	3	39	1	1	11	47	9	13 60	6 12	7 48	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	134 71
Cary and Algonquin.....	A. L. Wright.....	25	3	28	2	1	11	67	9	10 40	4 68	5 72	3 90	2 60	.....	17 00	89 30
Sycamore and South Burlington.....	W. S. Scalf.....	13	1	14	1	1	7	30	8	5 20	2 34	2 86	1 95	1 30	.....	18 00	6 63
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....	M. L. Johnson.....	25	2	27	1	1	9	50	7	9 20	4 14	5 06	3 45	2 30	.....	.....	.....
Dustin.....	W. G. Hammer.....	4	4	8	4	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* George Bradfield, pastor till June 1, 1906.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

## PEORIA AND KEWANEE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions Societies
PEORIA DISTRICT																		
Peoria.....	W. J. Boye.....	38	6	44	1	2	1	2	10	100	11	\$ 14 50	\$ 6 05	\$ 14	\$ 55	\$ 3 70	.....	\$ 11 00
Pekin.....	H. O. Hubbard.....	17	12	29	1	1	1	1	9	31	2	\$ 6 50	\$ 2 70	\$ 3 74	\$ 2 55	.....	.....	9 00
Limestone and Farmington	H. O. Hubbard.....	20	4	24	1	1	1	1	15	136	4	\$ 8 00	\$ 3 60	\$ 4 40	\$ 3 00	.....	.....	.....
East Peoria.....	George O. Mills.....	11	2	13	1	1	1	1	7	50	2	\$ 3 20	\$ 1 44	\$ 1 76	\$ 1 20	.....	.....	.....
Deer Creek and Bethel.....	N. I. Figum, supply.....	15	3	18	1	1	1	1	5	37	4	\$ 8 00	\$ 3 60	\$ 4 40	\$ 3 00	.....	.....	.....
Fairbury.....	M. F. Childs.....	22	7	29	1	1	1	1	10	66	9	\$ 11 20	\$ 5 05	\$ 6 16	\$ 4 20	.....	.....	27 25
Morris, Mazon and Joliet.....	C. M. Sturdivant.....	30	2	32	1	1	1	1	5	30	7	\$ 10 40	\$ 4 68	\$ 5 72	\$ 3 80	.....	.....	5 00
Kempton and Mona.....	D. W. Finch.....	18	1	19	1	1	1	1	5	12	5	\$ 9 60	\$ 4 32	\$ 5 38	\$ 3 60	.....	.....	5 00
KEWANEE DISTRICT																		
H. O. Hubbard, District Elder																		
Kewanee and Galva.....	J. T. Taylor.....	71	7	78	2	1	1	12	105	.....	\$ 29 20	\$ 13 14	\$ 16 06	\$ 10 96	\$ 7 30	.....	\$ 4 10	\$ 25 00
Shelfield and Akinson.....	H. O. Hubbard.....	22	18	40	1	1	1	1	4	30	.....	\$ 8 60	\$ 3 96	\$ 4 84	\$ 3 30	.....	.....	.....
New Bedford.....	H. O. Hubbard.....	18	18	36	1	1	1	1	4	30	.....	\$ 8 40	\$ 3 78	\$ 4 62	\$ 2 10	.....	.....	.....
Rock Island and Sherrard.....	John Harvey.....	30	3	33	3	2	11	60	5	.....	\$ 14 00	\$ 6 30	\$ 7 70	\$ 5 25	\$ 3 60	.....	.....	21 35
Total.....		950	100	1050	22	17	88	283	1736	217	\$ 385 16	\$ 177 52	\$ 217 14	\$ 148 05	\$ 98 70	.....	\$ 222 12	\$ 1757 07

# COLORADO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
BOULDER, COLORADO, AUGUST 12-15, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

F. F. STEWART, *Secretary*

G. L. SKINNER, *Assistant Secretary*

G. A. LOOMIS, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, Emma H. Haviland.

*On State of the Work*—J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council.

*On Publications*—J. P. Dowd, G. W. Yoder, Paul Resor.

*On Reforms*—G. A. Loomis, W. B. Kerby, Coleman Salyer.

*On Sunday-schools*—F. F. Stewart, Hattie J. Handyside, J. W. Glazier.

*On Education*—W. W. Jellison, S. P. Crouch, J. F. Garrett.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—G. B. Lane.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—Hattie J. Handyside, Julia A. Kemp, J. M. Roberson.

*On Charities*—W. W. Jellison, W. J. Burns, J. P. Dowd.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Wilson T. Hogue, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, John Johnson, W. J. Burns.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—J. F. Walker

*On Reforms*—J. P. Dowd

*On Publications*—G. L. Skinner

*On Sunday-schools*—G. B. Munns

*On State of the Work*—The district  
elders.

*On Charities*—W. W. Jellison

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. L. Skinner, for one year; Frank DuPee, for two years; J. P. Dowd, for three years.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. F. Walker, president; G. L. Skinner, secretary; G. B. Lane, treasurer; F. M. Allred, John Johnson.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, a sum equal to twenty-five cents per member, to be forwarded as soon as taken to the district elders to be applied by them where it is most needed; second quarter, General Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Lizzie R. Lammie, president, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado; Mrs. Lizzie M. Hartley, first vice-president, 970 South Logan avenue, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, second vice-president, 864 Third avenue,



Grand Junction, Colorado; Mrs. Georgianna Warren, corresponding secretary, 1724 South Washington street, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Lizzie D. Stewart, recording secretary, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado; Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, superintendent Junior work.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett,	G. A. Loomis,	J. I. Council,
J. W. Glazier,	W. W. Jellison,	J. A. Hopper,
J. F. Walker,	Frank Dupee,	F. F. Stewart,
G. W. Yoder,	A. G. Galbraith,	G. B. Lane,
W. B. Kerby,	J. P. Dowd,	J. M. Roberson,
G. B. Munns,	G. L. Skinner,	T. D. Saffell,

### DELEGATES

S. P. Crouch,	Thomas West,	Coleman Salyer,
F. M. Allred,	Paul Resor,	J. A. Zupkee,
Julia A. Kemp,	John Johnson,	C. F. Smith,
George Knapp,	C. E. Glazier,	W. J. Burns,
Cyrus A. Scott,	*Hattie J. Handyside,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, John Johnson, W. J. Burns.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Walker, G. W. Yoder, Thomas E. Clegg (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. G. Galbraith.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? G. L. Skinner, an elder, from the Susquehanna conference, and T. D. Saffell, formerly a traveling preacher and elected to deacons' and elders' orders under the missionary rule in the Methodist Episcopal church, and later becoming a member of the Apostolic Holiness Union and ordained elder by that body, but now a member of the Free Methodist church.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? Calvin O. Bancroft.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? J. W. Marshall.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and

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\*Admitted according to section 3. of paragraph 147. of the Discipline.

the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Eunice Vipond, \$100; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, \$50; the two children of Reuben Adams, deceased, \$25 each.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Colorado Springs, Colorado, as near the middle of August, 1909, as will suit the bishop who is to preside.

## APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. F. GARRETT, District Elder, 1780 South Washington street, Denver, Colorado

Denver and Denver Mission.....  
 .....J. P. Dowd, 320 Galipago street, Denver, Colorado  
 Colorado Springs .....  
 .....J. F. Walker, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs. "  
 Boulder.....W. W. Bruce, supply, Boulder, "  
 Longmont.....J. M. Roberson, 821 Coffman street, Longmont, "  
 Loveland, Berthoud and Fort Collins.... { J. I. Council, Loveland, "  
 ..... Nels Magnuson, supply  
 Colorado City.....G. W. Yoder, Colorado City, "  
 Falcon and Bracket Creek.....W. B. Kerby, Surber, "  
 Table Rock and Husted.....To be supplied  
 Woodlawn Park and Divide.....To be supplied  
 Greeley and Evans.....G. B. Munns, Evans, Colorado  
 Keyser and Ramah.....Archie Anderson, supply  
 Salt Lake City.....To be supplied  
 Cripple Creek.....James Harvey, supply

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—F. F. STEWART, District Elder, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado

Pueblo.....G. B. Lane, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado  
 Fountain....Hattie J. Handyside, Carrie Harris, supplies, Fountain, "  
 Chico and Rocky Ford.....J. R. Poet, supply  
 Canon City.....G. L. Skinner, 719 Prospect street, Canon City, Colorado  
 Wet Mountain Valley.....To be supplied  
 Howard and Salida.....G. A. Loomis, Howard, Colorado  
 San Luis Valley.....To be supplied  
 Durango and Hesperus.....T. D. Saffell, Durango, Colorado  
 Pine River and Florida.....F. E. Carmack, supply, Bayfield, "  
 Farmington and Aztec....Coleman Salyer, supply, Farmington, New Mexico  
 Reita, Crawford and Cedar Edge.....Frank Dupee, Delta, Colorado  
 Grand Junction and Pear Park.....  
 .....J. W. Glazier, 864 Third avenue, Grand Junction, "  
 ..... Anson P. Werden, supply  
 Lamar.....C. Lum, supply  
 W. W. Jellison, evangelist, Walsenburg, Colorado; A. G. Galbraith, supernumerary, Canon City, Colorado; J. A. Hopper, supplying work at Salem, Oregon.

## MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was marked for harmony and spirituality. Truly the Lord was present. Bishop W. T. Hogue presided with acceptability. His words were weighty and powerful, preaching and addressing the conference with unction and to the old line.

It was an inspiration to have present Rev. B. Winget and wife who were greatly helped in preaching and exhorting, and in presenting the for-

eign missionary interests, taking a collection in cash and and subscriptions of \$1,010.

Rev. W. G. McVey, of the Wabash conference, represented the publishing house.

A collection of \$108 in cash and subscriptions was taken for the Orleans Seminary.

## LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

H. A. Crouch.....Fountain, Colorado	Mrs. Lela West.....Pueblo, Colorado
B. L. Calhoun, R. F. D. 2, Rocky Ford, Colorado	Mrs. Lizzie D. Stewart. Pueblo, Colorado
James W. Greeno...Denver, Colorado	Mrs. Catherine Worrall, Bayfield, Colorado
Edwin Kerby .....Denver, "	Mrs. A. E. Jellison, Walsenburg, Colorado
Thomas E. Clegg....Denver, "	I. H. Hightower, Canon City, Colorado
Mrs. Emma H. Haviland, Denver, Colorado	Levi DeBusk.....Crawford, Colorado
Mrs. M. M. Resor, Colorado City, Colorado	Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, Grand Junction, Colorado
Paul Resor...Colorado City, Colorado	Silas Bondurant.....Salida, Colorado
Mrs. Martha Resor, Colorado City, Colorado	Mrs. Mary Porter....Salida, "
Mrs. Hannah Hazen, Colorado City, Colorado	G. W. Staley, 715 North Wahsatch, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Mrs. Hattie E. Williams, Cripple Creek, Colorado	Mrs. Lina West.....Pueblo, Colorado
J. E. Outland	

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND—Assessed and paid, \$149.20.	..
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$67.14.	
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$93.25.	
GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$55.95.	
CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$37.30.	
FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$80.40.	
PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid—\$18.65.	
EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$4.45.	
CHILDREN'S FUND—\$13.73.	
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$846.35.	
FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$23.15.	

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON CHARITIES.

We desire to call the attention of this conference to the necessity of organized charities among us as a people. We are blessed with those who are liberal with their money and goods, but we desire to be systematic in our giving, that we may be able to do the most good possible with the offerings of our people for charitable purposes. We especially ask you to assist all worthy institutions which are seeking to care for the homeless and destitute children of the land; also missions in the cities where the gospel workers are laboring to rescue those who are neglected by the masses who profess love for the lost.

We are thankful to announce to our people that we have some worthy institutions in our own church that are doing a grand work in making the declining years of the needy pilgrims more pleasant by having homes where they can end their days in pleasant surroundings and a good spiritual atmosphere, where the poorhouse scare is removed from the worthy saint who worked hard to support the cause we love. We would especially mention the

Woodstock Home for children and Old People's Rest Home, the Gerry Orphanage and Home for Old People.

We recommend that this be made a standing committee for the year, and we especially request you to send your offerings through the committee on *charities*, so we may be able to report the work done from time to time. And while we as a conference do now appoint a committee for this purpose, we trust it will not stop with just the appointment, but that systematic work may be done throughout the conference this year.

## II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Through the abundant grace and mercy of God, which He has bestowed upon us, we are again permitted to assemble in annual conference. The labors of the year have been arduous, and in a measure successful. Trials there have been, crosses and afflictions, but we think it can be truthfully said they have worked together for our good. Revival meetings have been held on nearly all of the circuits. Some tent meetings, and two camp-meetings, one on each district, have been held with good results.

Our membership has been strengthened spiritually, and numerically. We have, in some instances, held meetings at new points, which has proven it to be well worth our while to enter the regions beyond our already organized work. No doubt an increased and well directed aggressiveness on our part would result in a deeper spirituality as well as enlargement of our borders. Indeed, if we are not more aggressive we shall lose rather than gain ground. Our growth and improvement are encouraging, but much land remains to be occupied. Let us, with renewed energies, press the battle to the gates.

One of the improvements made, and which is worthy of our especial notice, is the return on the part of some of our class leaders to the original manner of conducting class meetings. Unfortunately, our class meetings have, too universally, degenerated into mere speaking meetings which are sometimes drawn out to great length, and which are seldom, if ever "profitable as class meetings." This can be corrected by studying "The Class Meeting as a Means of Grace," by Rev. Wilson T. Hogue, which should be, not only in the library, but also in the head and heart of every class leader in the church.

We have held several Sunday-school conventions which have resulted in the awakening of a deeper interest in our Sunday-school work, and the adoption of improved methods. Let us not slack our diligence in this department.

We should take more interest in the matter of pastors' support, and the collections ordered by the conference. The improvement which we have already made in this department is truly gratifying, but we are not yet perfect. We need system and promptness. Plan for full weekly payments to pastors, and the payment of the conference collections quarterly. This will no doubt bring us a three-fold blessing—a consciousness of having done well, the blessing of the one who receives, and above all the blessing, spiritual and temporal, of the God whom we serve.

## III.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

God's ideal is perfection. This is seen in every department of creation. And although the entrance of sin into the world has prevented the realization of this plan in its fulness, there is still a possibility for improvement; and wherever this is not neglected or misused, man can to a limited degree preserve what would otherwise be a total loss. He can, moreover, assisted by the restraining grace of God make much improvement along various lines of development. This end, however, may be realized to a fuller extent under saving and sanctifying grace; for it is here that man is privileged to coöperate with his Maker, as far as in him lies, toward restoring himself and his fellow-man to the God-like ideal, physically in "working out his own salvation with fear and trembling before God;" mentally, by "studying to show himself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed;" and morally, by







# WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
SHENANDOAH, IOWA, AUGUST 26-29, 1908

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

D. C. LAMSON, *Secretary*

THOMAS LAWSEN, *Assistant Secretary*

D. C. EDDY, *Treasurer*

F. I. WATERS, *Auditor*

THOMAS LAWSEN, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd, W. W. Crippen.

*On Publications*—E. Ballenger, W. J. McBride, P. H. Arlington.

*On Reforms*—P. H. Arlington, E. Whitton, W. H. Wilfong.

*On Sunday-schools*—D. C. Lamson, E. Whitton, F. N. Ahern.

*On Education*—Ezra Whitton, D. C. Eddy, W. E. Dunn.

*On State of the Work*—F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd.

*On Aggressive Evangelism*—E. Ballenger, George Patrick, Nellie Bentley.

*On Home Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Foreign Missions*—Maude Wallace, N. Katie Waters.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—P. H. Arlington, F. N. Ahern, G. B. Ingram.

*On Ministerial Relations*—D. C. Eddy, E. Ballenger, P. H. Arlington, George Patrick, A. L. Winebrenner, W. H. Wilfong.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—P. C. Kenton.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—The stationing committee.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Ballenger, president, three years; D. C. Lamson, secretary, two years; J. F. Mudd, one year.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. C. Eddy, president; D. C. Lamson, secretary; E. Ballenger, treasurer; E. W. Peavey.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. G. Fox, five years; A. Wilder, four years; D. C. Eddy, president, three years; D. C. Lamson, treasurer, two years; R. H. Smyth, one year.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Publications*—G. B. Ingram.

*On Education*—D. C. Lamson.

*On Sunday-schools*—F. I. Waters.

*On Reforms*—F. N. Ahern.

*On State of the Work*—The district elders.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

E. Ballenger, president; D. C. Eddy, treasurer; D. C. Lamson, secretary; A. L. Winebrenner, William Dunn.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, N. Katie Waters; first vice-president, Maud Wallace; second vice-president, Hannah Eddy; corresponding secretary, Bertha Brown; recording secretary, Mae Vredenburg; treasurer, Mary Smyth; superintendent of Junior work, Nora C. Lamson; tract agent, Dora Cussins.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

J. S. Phillips,	J. F. Mudd,	Thomas Lawsen,
F. N. Ahern,	W. H. Austin,	D. C. Lamson,
F. I. Waters,	P. H. Arlington,	George Patrick,
R. H. Symth,	C. G. Cox,	E. Ballenger,
D. C. Eddy,	W. W. Crippen,	P. C. Kenton,
W. D. Groesbeck,	G. B. Ingram,	William Vanhorn,
Ezra Whitton.		

## DELEGATES

L. M. Woodmansee,	W. J. McBride,	Ella Speake,
W. E. Dunn,	W. H. Wilfong,	Frank Rumser,
Nellie Bentley,	J. R. Thompson,	Allan Smith,
J. W. Strahan,	N. Katie Waters,	E. W. Peavey,
A. L. Winebrenner,	Nettie Brown,	Minerva Wray,
Kezzie Kirkpatrick.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd, W. H. Wilfong, A. L. Winebrenner.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? W. G. Taylor, C. H. Truelson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Ingram, W. D. Groesbeck, Ezra Whitton, F. N. Ahern, P. C. Kenton.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? I. C. Grabill.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. S. Phillips, George Patrick, C. G. Cox, R. H. Smyth.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? G. W. Taylor.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. F. Mudd.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. See report on conference claimants and claims.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location was left to the following committee: D. C. Eddy, E. Ballenger, D. C. Lamson, W. J. McBride, William Dunn; the time to be as near the last Wednesday in August as is consistent with the plan of the presiding bishop.

## APPOINTMENTS

### SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—D. C. EDDY, District Elder

Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex.....  
 .....W. W. Crippen, 312 Sheridan avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa  
 College Springs and Pleasant Hill....W. W. Parrish, College Springs, "  
 Clarinda and Glasgow schoolhouse.....  
 .....F. I. Waters, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, "  
 Gravity and Clearfield.....W. H. Austin, Gravity, "  
 Shambaugh..N. Katie Waters, supply, 305 East Chestnut St., Clarinda, "  
 Hamburg and Knox.....G. M. Booton, supply  
 Carbon and Creston.....F. N. Ahern, Carbon, Iowa  
 Lorimor.....Norman Huddle, supply, Lorimor, "  
 Garden Grove.....F. M. Temper, supply, Garden Grove, "

J. S. Phillips, C. G. Cox, superannuated; G. W. Taylor, withdrawn from the conference and church under charges.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—D. C. EDDY, District Elder, 2028 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Dunlap, Bethel and Allen Creek.....W. D. Groesbeck, Dunlap, Iowa

I. C. Grabill, granted a certificate of location at Council Bluffs; William Vanhorn, left without an appointment according to Discipline; D. C. Eddy, member of Council Bluffs district quarterly conference.

### BOONE DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder

Boone and Ogden.....P. C. Kenton, 523 Clay street, Boone, Iowa  
 Polk City and Bethany.....Thomas Lawsen, Polk City, "  
 Bear Grove.....To be supplied  
 Churdan and Scranton.....G. B. Ingram, Churdan, Iowa  
 Coon Rapids.....J. F. Mudd, Coon Rapids, "  
 Sac City and Early.....Ezra Whitton, Miller, South Dakota  
 Plover, Havelock, Rolfe and Marathon.....C. H. Truelson, Plover, Iowa

George Patrick, R. H. Smyth, superannuated; P. H. Arlington, evangelist; E. Ballenger, member of Boone district quarterly conference.

### SIoux CITY DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder

Sioux City.....To be supplied  
 Correctionville, Kingsley and Onawa....W. G. Taylor, Correctionville, Iowa  
 Danbury and Ida Grove.....To be supplied  
 Lemars and Newell schoolhouse.....  
 .....Maude Wallace, Mae Vredenburg, supplies, Lemars, Iowa

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

N. Katie Waters.....Clarinda, Iowa Nora Lamson,....Council Bluffs, Iowa

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$200.80.  
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$90.36.  
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$75.30.  
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$75.30.  
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$50.20.  
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$25.10.  
 CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$5.59.  
 EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Paid, \$3.03.  
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Paid, \$306.50.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth session of the West Iowa conference was held at Shenandoah, Iowa, August 26-29, 1908. Entertainment was provided for all who came.

Bishop Sellew and wife were made a great blessing to all; the former by his wise administration and excellent preaching; the latter by her encouraging efforts in behalf of the foreign missionary work. Sister Sellew gave an interesting missionary address on Sunday afternoon.

W. N. Vennard and wife were present in the interests of the Wessington Springs Seminary. F. I. Waters took a collection and subscription on Sunday morning amounting to over \$400 to apply on the new paving in front of the church property at Shenandoah.

The claims for the coming year are as follows: J. S. Phillips, \$80; Mrs. Harriet Woof, \$70; Mrs. J. W. Dake, \$150; Mrs. P. R. Rhamy, \$100. Total, \$400.00.

The Holy Ghost was manifestly present throughout the conference, and the preachers and delegates are looking forward to a year of victory.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON REFORMS.

The liquor traffic is the most potent evil and blighting curse that has stained the pages of our nation's history. The stains of slavery washed out by rivers of blood was only trifling in its results and consequences as compared to the liquor traffic. Mr. Gladstone said, "The liquor traffic is more destructive to life and property than war, pestilence and famine combined."

Since 1862, when the *infernal* revenue act was passed, the liquor traffic has been arrayed in the political arena, at which time the liquor manufacturers and dealers declared themselves not to be in politics but in business and threatened a disruption of the Union if the administration would not repeal prohibitory laws upon the statute books in thirteen states, thus making the liquor traffic a political issue.

Bishop Fitzgerald said, "The saloon has long since carried the black flag. Henceforth the church must carry it. The battle must be desperately fought and the field of battle must be the field of politics." In this field the battle must be fought and the victory won.

The liquor traffic like slavery is supported by two great political parties, and like slavery will exist until one of these parties are disrupted. Party attachment will prolong the life of this blood-wet institution. Mr. Hiram Roster, at the Republican convention in 1872, when his blasphemous resolution was being considered in the committee room, is reported to have said, "The crack of the party lash will bring the church around all right on election day." The truth of this prediction has made the church an object of contempt and ridicule by the liquor fraternity.

We, the members of the West Iowa conference, raise our voices in protest



against the shameless complicity of the Christian voters in the Republican and Democratic parties as well as the parties themselves with this crime-producing and home-wrecking institution.

It rejoices us to know that as a church righteous principles so possess our whole attention that the crack of the party lash is seldom heard and that political bondage is the exception. We are God's free men, standing shoulder to shoulder against this nefarious institution and the political parties that sustain it. In declaration of our principles we do hereby resolve that all our ministers make a thorough study of the prohibition question, and, so far as possible, unite all the ministers and workers in their several communities in one great phalanx against this great stronghold of Satan in our state and nation.

Since the Prohibition party is the only one incorporating the principles, and that champions these issues, we, the West Iowa conference of the Free Methodist church, pledge our vote and coöperation to it; and that we will, with our means and personal efforts, do our best to bring about not only an early victory, but a glorious triumph of constitutional prohibition.

## II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications respectfully submit the following report:

Of the many potent factors which, in their operations and ultimate effects, elevate, ennoble and enrich man with a strong intellect, purity of life and character, or weaken and debase the whole man, none demand a more serious consideration than the press. The greatest educator known is the press; and it is an evident fact, which cannot be ignored, that public opinion, morals and religion are largely molded by it.

The reading of pure, wholesome literature is a tonic to the mind and an inspiration to the soul. It enriches the mind and heart with thoughts and truths that elevate, strengthen and beautify the whole life and character of man.

The trashy, vile literature which is issuing from the press in such abundance and flooding the whole land is, like a great tidal wave, fast sweeping the youth of our homes to mental and moral ruin. How is it possible for the mind to be capable, to any worthy degree, of serious, elevating, moral and religious thoughts when constantly filled with such as are inspired by the reading of the cheap, low-grade, senseless and often vile periodicals and novels so much in evidence in our modern book stores and news-stands. As parents let us guard our homes and keep them free from this deadly pest. As ministers let us speak frequently and plainly against the evil and warn all, especially the youth, against the deadly peril.

Each and every home should be well supplied with carefully selected books and periodicals suited to the needs of each member of the household. Parents should not neglect the needs of their children and content themselves with just the supplying of their own individual requirements, as is too often the case. The normal, healthy mind, especially of the youth, is active and will be employed with thoughts and contemplations worthy of their exalted being, or the very opposite. Do not think that constant, hard, physical labor will do away altogether with the crying need of the mind and soul, for it will not and cannot. Begin early with the child and have it cultivate a taste for the purest and most instructive reading.

We call special attention to the publications which are being issued and handled by our own publishing house. A careful reading of the catalog which is being sent out by the publisher will enable you to make such selections as will meet the demand of yourself and family. If further information is desirable relative to any books which you may wish to purchase your inquiries will be cheerfully answered by the publisher or his worthy assistants. It is wise and always safe to make your purchases of our publishing house.

We cannot speak too highly of our excellent church paper, *The Free Methodist*. Its columns are ever filled with strong, timely and inspiring editorials. Original articles and interesting and helpful correspondence suited

to the needs of all. Take the *Free Methodist* and read it carefully and prayerfully and you will be a better Christian and a more intelligent and loyal Free Methodist.

The Sunday-school papers and supplies published by our publishing house we consider the very best that can be obtained. Too much cannot be said in their favor. Let all of our Sunday-schools keep well supplied with the same.

### III.—ON EDUCATION

"Knowledge is power," so one great man declares. In Daniel 11:32 we read, "But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." The wise man tells us to get wisdom and with all our getting to get understanding. God has always laid great responsibility upon his people to be intelligent. Our church sets forth rules of conduct as well as obligations relating to the improvement of time, which, if carefully met, will result in strong Christian culture together with character. God alone knows the influence of sanctified knowledge used to his glory in promoting his kingdom among men.

Holy men and women above all others ought to be the most intelligent. This, however, is not always the case. Every one of us ought to get this matter of Christian education upon our hearts, and use our utmost influence to inspire a real thirst for truth in the heart of our neighbor, that out of it there may be a harvest of sturdy Christian character.

We believe that the probationers and young converts of our church ought to be well grounded in the principles and doctrines of salvation as set forth by the Bible and the Free Methodist church before their being received into the church in full connection.

The fact that the Bible to a large degree is being neglected with reference to our public schools, colleges and universities, and the religion of the great universities has come to be generally deism or agnosticism, together with explaining away the divinity of Christ, eternal punishment and other doctrines essential to salvation, makes the education of our own boys and girls thoroughly under favorable surroundings more of a necessity.

Despite the fact that our public school teachers are required to prove themselves of good moral character, many of them fail to give satisfaction on account of spending their time in attending dances, parties and theaters. Naturally their general influence upon the young people and children is detrimental rather than beneficial.

There is no question but that our noble college at Greenville, Illinois, and the seminaries throughout the church, and the teachers they employ, are miles ahead of the above named conditions. We especially appreciate the efforts put forth by the Wessington Springs Seminary board to erect and equip a new school building suitable to the demands of our educational requirements in their own and other patronizing conferences; and we do hereby pledge our prayers, best interests and means to the extent of our ability to aid this worthy institution.

### IV.—ON AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM.

We recognize and appreciate the measure of revival interest which is manifest in many places throughout the conference.

We are fully persuaded there is great need of a deeper and more thorough awakening among us in this vital department of church work. District elders, pastors and laymen, all should be inspired and enthused with the spirit of true evangelism. This alone will get us out of the ruts into which we have, to a great degree, fallen.

Each pastor, to the limit of his ability, should evangelize and earnestly endeavor to enlarge the borders of his circuit. We must not allow ourselves to be satisfied with our work without seeing widespread revivals of genuine "Bible" religion. Everywhere the work of God has suffered and fallen into decay as the spirit and work of true evangelism has declined, and on the con-

trary the old fields have taken on new life and activity as the evangelistic and missionary spirit has been infused.

There is great need of consecrated men and women who will engage in this work. Men and women with an all-consuming love for souls and who are willing to forsake the comfort of home and association of loved ones that they may win souls for Jesus.

There is a pressing need of funds to be used in the support of efficient laborers. Many new fields might be worked with excellent results if funds were at our command to meet the actual needs in the case.

We recommend, 1st, The raising by the district elders of a fund equal to thirty cents per member to be used in evangelizing new fields. 2d, That the district elders, the secretary of the conference and two laymen, W. H. Willfong and A. L. Winebrenner be a standing committee on *aggressive evangelism*, and they shall disburse the funds collected for this purpose in opening new fields as in their judgment they deem best.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

### SHENANDOAH, COUNCIL BLUFFS, BOONE AND SIOUX CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>SHENANDOAH DISTRICT</b>												
Shenandoah, Bingham & Essex.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 42 00	\$ 2 15	\$ 400 00	\$100	\$ 86 36	\$ 87 48	2	4000	1	\$ 1800
College Springs.....			12 82	1 00	250 00	60	41 00	44 37	1	1200	1	800
Clarinda and Glasgow.....			20 45	1 50	330 00	120	61 57	24 50	1	2000	1	1600
Gravitz and Clearfield.....			15 00	95	300 00	60	39 26	44 24	1	900	1	700
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill.....			14 84	1 55	353 15	62	62 10	55 00	2	1250	1	600
Hamburg and Knox.....				25	90 79	60	12 82	1 00	1	1000	1	400
Carbon and Mt. Etna.....			15 00	1 50	61 80	26	59 34	39 80	1	500	1	700
Lorimer.....			4 68	70	*120 00						1	500
Garden Grove.....			8 00	30	31 68		15 44		1	600		
<b>COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT</b>												
Dunlap, Bethel & Allen Creek....			9 60	1 75	338 77	72	50 71	14 70	2	2600	1	800
Council Bluffs.....		1 77	25 00	90	325 00	125	38 20	54 00	1	1900	1	1100
<b>BOONE DISTRICT</b>												
Boone and Ogden.....		1 25	16 63	1 50	341 47	108	72 12	107 98	3	4500	1	1200
Polk City and Bethany.....	1 17	1 00		1 45	400 00	75	77 66	75 11	2	2000	1	700
Bear Grove.....		1 03	9 00	80	300 00		36 91	36 30	1	1000	1	500
Churdan and Scranton.....	90		24 00	1 45	423 50	96	86 72	50 00	1	1300	1	1200
Ooon Rapids.....				50	†250 00		61 51		3	2000	1	500
Sac City and Earley.....			11 25	1 45	267 50	25	70 22	43 05	1	700		
Plover, Havelock, Rolfe and Marathon.....				1 10	150 00		43 42		2	1500		
<b>SIOUX CITY DISTRICT</b>												
Correctionville, Kingsley, Onawa.....			16 10	2 10	460 95		48 15	21 25	2	2000	1	800
Sioux City.....				60	150 00		28 80	40 00				
Danbury and Ida Grove.....							6 91		2	1850	1	1100
LeMars and Newell S. H.....		57	23 60	1 70	520 00	520	86 70	67 92	1	2000		
Total.....	\$ 4 07	\$ 7 62	\$ 267 43	\$25 20	\$5866 61	1447	1078 92	\$ 668 68	31	\$ 34800	17	\$15000

Total deficiency in conference claims, raised at conference, \$7.43.

\* Paid to N. M. Perry, supply.

† To P. C. Kenton.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

SHENANDOAH, COUNCIL BLUFFS, BOONE AND SIOUX CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies	
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT																												
F. I. Waters, District Elder																												
Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex.....	50	58	2	3	14	60	8	\$ 17 20	\$ 7 74	\$ 6 45	\$ 6 45	\$ 4 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
College Springs.....	19	19	38	1	5	25	13	8 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gratinda and Glasgow.....	35	7	42	1	2	10	65	13	12 00	5 40	4 50	4 40	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarity and Clearfield.....	18	4	22	1	2	12	45	6	7 00	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. N. Ahern.....	39	2	41	1	2	8	40	12	12 40	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. W. D. Grosbeck.....	6	5	11	1	1	2	3	3	2 00	90	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamburg and Pleasant Hill.....	28	28	56	1	1	8	28	5	12 00	5 40	3 87	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamburg and Knox.....	14	4	18	1	1	5	25	4	5 60	2 52	2 10	1 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. S. Huddle, supply.....	28	28	56	1	1	8	28	5	12 00	5 40	3 87	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carbon and Mt. Etna.....	14	4	18	1	1	5	25	4	5 60	2 52	2 10	1 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. I. Waters, supply.....	28	28	56	1	1	8	28	5	12 00	5 40	3 87	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lorimer.....	14	4	18	1	1	5	25	4	5 60	2 52	2 10	1 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. I. Waters.....	6	6	12	1	1	4	15	1	2 40	1 08	90	90	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Garden Grove.....	6	6	12	1	1	4	15	1	2 40	1 08	90	90	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT																												
F. I. Waters, District Elder																												
Dunlap, Bethel and Allen Creek.....	23	8	31	2	8	36	7	9 75	4 25	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Council Bluffs.....	30	9	39	1	2	9	35	17	7 20	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BOONE DISTRICT																												
J. F. Mudd, District Elder																												
Boone and Ogden.....	31	9	40	1	1	5	20	7	12 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Polk City and Bethany.....	31	14	45	3	2	1	7	35	11 60	5 22	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Grove.....	15	15	30	1	1	5	25	4	6 40	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Churdan and Scranton.....	27	1	28	1	3	17	40	9	10 73	5 22	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocon Rapids.....	9	1	10	1	1	2	4	2	4 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sac City and Earley.....	23	4	27	1	2	6	25	4	10 73	5 22	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plover, Havelock, Rolfe, Marathon.....	20	20	40	1	1	2	3	.....	5 80	1 03	1 87	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT																												
W. G. Taylor																												
Correctionville, Kingsley, Onawa.....	37	37	74	2	1	6	30	6	15 85	7 56	6 33	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siox City.....	11	6	17	1	1	5	25	3	4 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danbury and Ida Grove.....	2	2	4	1	1	3	6	.....	3 65	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LeMars and Newell school-house.....	33	1	34	1	2	10	40	9	13 60	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	506	73	579	13	10	28	614	614	133	\$ 199 31	\$ 81 24	\$ 70 07	\$ 72 55	\$ 47 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 32 10	\$ 286 09	

# WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD IN  
BELOIT, KANSAS, AUGUST 19-22, 1908.

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

J. E. OVERHOLT, *Secretary*    ABBIE F. OVERHOLT, *Assistant Secretary*

C. H. MALIN, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin, R. C. Selander.

*On Sunday-schools*—John Walton, J. F. Blair, Mrs. M. J. Cornish.

*On Reforms*—C. H. Malin, C. H. Chase, J. A. Melrose, J. B. Hargadine.

*On Publications*—R. C. Selander, W. E. Keener, G. J. Archer, J. E. Crawford.

*On Education*—H. B. Sutton, C. H. Chase, William Ward.

*On Charities*—R. C. Selander, Mrs. M. J. Cornish, H. B. Sutton.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—H. B. Sutton, John Walton,  
Charles Mitchell.

*To Solicit Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—Esther Ogg, Ella Peabody.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Ministerial Relations*—C. H. Malin, C. H. Chase, F. R. Vosburgh, J. S. Cornish, William Ward, J. A. Melrose.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—W. T. Hogue, J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin, J. A. Melrose, W. E. Hargadine.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—J. E. Overholt, W. E. Keener.

*On Nominations*—J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. E. Overholt, secretary, term expires 1913; W. B. Sutton, term expires 1912;  
R. C. Selander, term expires 1911; C. H. Malin, president, term expires  
1910; J. S. Ogg, term expires 1909.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. S. Ogg, president; C. H. Malin, secretary; C. H. Chase; William Ward,  
treasurer; G. J. Archer.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Publications*—E. P. Robb.                      *On Education*—J. E. Overholt.

*On Charities*—R. C. Selander.                      *On Reforms*—J. S. Ogg.

*On Sunday-schools*—H. B. Sutton.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (twenty-five cents), Permanent Fund;  
second quarter, General Missions, Orleans College Fund (fifteen cents),  
Foreign Missions, Tracts; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Ex-  
tension Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Anna G. Hill, R. R. 3, Mankato, Kansas; first vice-president, Mrs.  
Mattie Crawford, Concordia, Kansas; second vice-president, Mrs. Viola



Ogg, Macksville, Kansas; recording secretary, Mrs. Lulu A. Higgins, Concordia, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adah M. Archer, R. R. 3, Logan, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Everley, Concordia, Kansas; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Josephine Bates, Lebanon, Kansas.

#### OFFICERS OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, J. S. Ogg; vice-president, F. R. Vosburgh; secretary, Anna G. Hill; treasurer, G. J. Archer.

#### ADDRESSES

Conference treasurer, H. B. Sutton, Mullinville, Kansas.

Conference secretary, J. E. Overholt, Glen Elder, Kansas.

Conference Sunday-school secretary, E. P. Van Vranken, Pratt, Kansas.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

#### PREACHERS

J. S. Ogg,  
G. Delimont,  
W. F. Cook,  
R. C. Selander,  
Charles Mitchell,  
J. E. Crawford,  
D. N. Bowers,  
C. H. Chase,  
A. J. Lumsford.

J. H. Higgins,  
F. S. Atwell,  
C. H. Malin,  
J. S. Cornish,  
C. W. Long,  
F. R. Vosburgh,  
J. B. Hargadine,  
B. F. Closson,

E. P. Robb,  
A. Helsel,  
J. E. Overholt,  
W. E. Keener,  
H. B. Sutton,  
John Walton,  
A. L. Crumley,  
J. W. Norris,

#### DELEGATES

T. F. Forbes,  
D. G. Miller,  
Esther Ogg,  
Ella Peabody,  
William Ward,  
W. E. Hargadine,  
G. C. Mize.

Mrs. Harriet E. Walton, J. A. Melrose,  
Mrs. Mildred Cook, William Bathurst,  
Mrs. M. J. Cornish, L. P. Stone,  
G. J. Archer, Mrs. Alice Cahill,  
J. F. Blair, Mrs. Sarah Overholt,  
Arthur Archer, T. L. Kingsolver,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. S. Ogg, C. H. Malin, J. A. Melrose, W. E. Hargadine.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. E. Keasling.
4. Who remain on trial? W. H. Cook.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. J. Lunsford.
6. Who are the deacons? C. W. Long, J. E. Crawford, John Walton, F. R. Vosburgh, J. B. Hargadine, A. J. Lunsford (ordained this year).
7. None.
8. Who have located this year? R. F. Closson, W. E. Keener, D. N. Bowers.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. F. Cook, A. L. Crumley, A. Helsel.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. P. Robb, G. Delimont.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? B.

F. Closson, an elder, from the Platte River conference; J. W. Norris, an elder, from the Kansas conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. S. Atwell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.

15. None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? E. P. Robb, \$45.

22, 23. None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place of holding is to be fixed by the district elders; the time to be as near the middle of August, 1909, as will be convenient for the bishop who is to preside.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth annual session of the West Kansas conference was held in the city park at Beloit, Kansas, August 19-23, 1908. The sittings were harmonious.

Bishop Hogue presided in his usual able manner. He had much of the help of the Spirit in preaching and his address on "Success in Our Church Work" was greatly appreciated by all who heard them.

We go forth another year full of faith and courage more than ever persuaded that God is in this work. A number were saved or sanctified in the religious services of the camp-meeting and conference.

During the year there has been a gain of 18 members and 31 probationers.

Among the visitors we note: Rev. C. P. Carcuff, of the Wesleyan Methodist church; Rev. A. Stedwell, of the Oklahoma conference; Rev. W. G. McVey, of Wabash conference, representing the publishing house, and Rev. B. and Mrs. Ida R. Winget. Brother Winget gave an interesting account of his visit to Santo Domingo at the missionary service Sunday afternoon. A collection was taken amounting to \$46.89 cash and \$54 subscriptions. The W. F. M. S. raised \$818.06 this year against \$1,176.76 for last year; \$215 in cash and subscriptions were raised for the new church at Beloit. A special collection was taken Saturday evening to make up the deficiency in the conference collections. A conference home-missionary society was organized. The usual complimentary resolutions were adopted.

## APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—C. H. MALIN, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas

Mankato.....	A. J. Lunsford, Mankato, Kansas
Lebanon and White Eagle.....	A. E. Lathrop, supply, Lebanon, "
Osborne.....	R. C. Selander, Osborne, "
Beloit.....	Mrs. Josephia Hill, supply, Cawker City, "
Glen Elder.....	J. E. Overholt, R. D. Route No. 1, Glen Elder, "
Cuba .....	To be supplied
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....	J. E. Crawford, Concordia, Kansas
Lincoln and Wilson.....	Frank Lathrop, supply, Lathrop, "

E. P. Robb, Emporia, Kansas, superannuated; W. F. Cook, supernumerary; J. H. Higgins, Concordia, Kansas, left without appointment; C. H. Malin, member of Mankato district quarterly conference.

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**ALMENA DISTRICT—C. H. MALIN, District Elder**

Almena.....Cyrus Archer, supply, Almena, Kansas  
 Logan and Densmore.....C. W. Long, Logan, "  
 Plainville.....John Walton, Plainville, "  
 Hill City and Lenora.....W. H. Cook, Lenora, "  
 G. Delimont, Long Island, Kansas, superannuated without claim.

**MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder, Macksville, Kansas**

Macksville and St. John.....F. R. Vosburgh, Macksville, Kansas  
 Great Bend.....To be supplied  
 Eden Valley and Pratt.....C. H. Chase, R. D. Route No. 1, Iuka, Kansas  
 Kingman and Cleveland.....J. B. Hargadine, Kingman, "  
 Mound Center and Sharon.....Charles Mitchell, Kiowa, "  
 Trotter and Redmond schoolhouse.....  
 .....Mrs. Anna Turner, supply, R. D. Route No. 1, Lewis, "

A. Helsel, Ackworth, Iowa, supernumerary; F. S. Atwell, given certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to the Kansas conference; W. E. Keener, Sharon, Kansas, and B. F. Closson, Rago, Kansas, granted certificates of location at their request; J. S. Ogg, member of Macksville district quarterly conference.

**NESS CITY DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder**

Beeler and Hodgeman.....W. E. Keasling, Beeler, Kansas  
 Leoti and Page.....Arthur Archer and Frank McGrau, supplies  
 Santa Fe and Arkalon.....J. W. Norris  
 Mertilla.....J. S. Cornish, Harwood, Kansas  
 Mullinville, Bethany and Sodville.....H. B. Sutton, Mullinville, "

A. L. Crumley, supernumerary; D. N. Bowers, Santa Fe, Kansas, given certificate of location at his request.

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**ORDAINED LOCAL ELDERS**

E. P. VanVrankin.....Pratt, Kansas J. M. Young.....Almena, Kansas  
 Cyrus Archer .....Almena, " B. F. Closson.....Rago, "

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**ORDAINED LOCAL DEACONS**

D. N. Bowers.....Santa Fe, Kansas W. E. Keener.....Sharon, Kansas  
 H. Lovette.

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**LOCAL PREACHERS**

Evan James .....Osborne, Kansas T. Kingsolver.....Sharon, Kansas  
 T. Mellor .....Lincoln, " Sherman Archer, R. D. Route No. 3,  
 A. Sweet.....Cawker City, " Logan, Kansas.  
 G. F. Snow.....Almena, " Melvin Sides .....Almena, Kansas  
 T. F. Forbes, R. D. Route No. 1, Baxter Kier.....Lebanon, "  
 Prairie View, Kansas

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**CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS**

Mrs. Anna Turner, R. D. Route No. 1, Anna G. Hill, R. F. D. 3, Mankato,  
 Lewis, Kansas. Kansas.  
 Mrs. Josephia Hill, Cawker City, Salina Delimont, Long Island, Kansas.  
 Kansas.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Lorinda Baer...Wilson, Kansas	Goldie McBride.....Beeler, Kansas
Mrs. Mattie Crawford, Concordia, Kansas.	Mrs. Janie Patton....Almena, "
Mrs. Rebecca Grothaus, R. D. Route No. 6, Smith Center, Kansas.	Mrs. Mary J. Cornish, Harwood, Kansas.
Mrs. Carrie Bowers, Santa Fe, Kansas.	Mrs. Josephine Bates, Lebanon, Kansas.
	Mrs. Mary S. Stone, Mankato, Kansas

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$90.15; paid, \$88.20; deficit, \$1.94.  
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$108.18; paid, \$104.98; deficit, \$3.20.  
 CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, \$240.40; paid, \$227.58; deficit, \$12.82.  
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$30.05; paid, \$27.34; deficit, \$2.71.  
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$60.10; paid, \$57.60; deficit, \$2.50.  
 ORLEANS COLLEGE FUND—Assessed, \$90.15; paid, \$76.80; deficit, \$13.15.  
 TOTAL—Assessed, \$619.03; paid, \$582.50; deficit, \$36.32.  
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$146.25.  
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$46.28.  
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$9.28.  
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$17.55.  
 RAISED FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$22.20.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS

Amounts due claimants for the coming year: E. P. Robb, \$45.

### II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The object of the Sabbath-school should be to indoctrinate the scholars and get them saved and sanctified wholly. Perhaps, one reason why more children of Free Methodist parents are not saved to God and the Church, is because this is not kept in view as it ought to be.

A good way to secure the attention of scholars is by the use of history and the good maps, charts, and blackboards handled by our publishing house. But the aim of the teacher should be to lead the scholar into the spiritual truths of the lesson.

It is a matter of regret, that in some places in our conference, little interest in the Sunday-school is manifest by some members of our church, thus throwing on others the work of conducting the school. Parents should prepare the lesson at home and help the children to do so, as the best teachers cannot realize as encouraging results of their teaching without the co-operation of the parents.

We also call the attention of pastors to our Discipline page 144, paragraph 237, in regard to their special duties.

We have reason to rejoice in the fact, that our General Conference has taken an advanced step in the direction of Sunday-schools, by electing an evangelist, whose special work is to look after the interests of this work. And we recommend that he be especially invited to labor the coming year within the bounds of our conference.

We further rejoice that district conventions have been held on some of our districts with beneficial results. We encourage their continuance and advise all of our districts to follow their example, and that Sunday-school workers be exhorted to attend.

Along the line of further aggression, new schools should be organized wherever possible, using the "Light and Life" literature. For, after careful

comparison with other literature we consider the "Light and Life" the safest, most spiritual, most practical, and ablest edited of all.

Great care is necessary in selecting officers and teachers in the school, as the prosperity of the work depends much upon them. The need of their being saved and sanctified so far as possible is manifest in the fact that faith, courage, kindness, cheerfulness, and a love for souls are some characteristics of successful workers.

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And while we do not sanction the way Children's Day is sometimes observed, nevertheless, the abuse of a practise should not cause us to lay it aside altogether. Wherefore, we would recommend a proper observance of this day. Decision day observed in a way to cause souls to seek good, is also proper.

Shall we not continue to evidence our interest in Sunday-schools, by making the coming year the best in this work the West Kansas conference has yet known; and by greater prayer to the all sufficient God for help, to enable our newly-elected Sunday-school secretary, assisted by us, to stir up a deeper interest in this very important branch of our church work?

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Linked for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Rec- eipts	Purpose Fund	Folders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
<b>MANEATO DISTRICT</b>												
Mankato.....	\$ 73	\$ 1 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 1 40	\$ 323 98	\$ 72	\$ 40 05	\$ 5 37	1	\$ 800	1	\$ 800
Lebanon and White Eagle.....			65 74	1 40	325 00	96	53 34	144 44	2	3000	1	500
Osborne.....		2 30	14 02	2 30	247 00	100	49 76	17 50	1	1200	1	1500
Glen Elder and Beloit.....		4 52		12 15	300 00	84	61 41	44 00	2	4200	1	750
Cuba.....	2 00	1 00	8 83	70	172 70	27	25 00		1	1000	1	600
Concordia and Liberty Chapel..	50		16 97	1 20	346 96	144	41 45		2	2100	1	1000
Lincoln and Wilson.....			11 00	1 35	229 93	96	41 35		1	1000	2	1500
<b>ALMENA DISTRICT</b>												
Almena.....		96	29 51	1 75	222 55	24	57 81	41 17	1	1000	1	500
Logan and Densmore.....	2 00	5 00	57 00	3 30	581 72	75	75 60	16 46	2	2000	1	1000
Plainville.....				70	274 85	96	41 85	45 31			1	800
Hill City and Lenora.....				85	93 50		40 00				1	700
Wallace County.....												
<b>MACKEVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Macksville.....	4 40	1 00	25 70		567 41	75	59 77	34 03	1	1200	1	800
Great Bend.....				20			8 00					
Pratt Mission.....				69	68 76		5 70					
Kingman and Cleveland.....				60			15 75				1	700
Eden Valley and Luka.....			22 82		472 40		61 00	12 60		1000	1	800
Mound Center and Sharon.....	3 07		36 38	1 40	400 00	60	43 00	32 00	1	1200	1	600
<b>NESS CITY DISTRICT</b>												
Beeler.....				1 90	163 68	96	25 08				1	800
Leoti.....			20 00	60	115 00		13 50		1	800		
Santa Fe and Ulyses.....			12 50	35	116 00		16 88				1	400
Harwood and Carmen.....	1 00				50 00	20	17 00	17 00				
Mullinville and Bethany.....			42 35	1 35	315 00	100	45 00	14 63	2	3000	1	1000
Bucklin.....				50			55 65		1	1000	1	500
Spencer, Nonchalanta and Mc- Kinley school-house.....					176 93		13 07	8 65				
Raised at conference.....				2 71								
Reported by the treasurer.....	17 55											
Raised but not paid to treas.....	2 30											
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 9 63</b>	<b>\$ 19 85</b>	<b>\$ 377 35</b>	<b>\$ 90 05</b>	<b>\$ 5560 38</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>\$ 907 32</b>	<b>\$ 433 25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 24500</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 15150</b>

Orleans College fund, \$90.15.



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

MANKATO, ALMENA, MACKSVILLE AND NESS CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
<b>MANKATO DISTRICT</b>																		
Mankato.....	J. H. Higgins, District Elder	26	1	27	1	1	1	5	29	6	11 20	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80			27 71
Mankato and White Eagle.....	J. E. Overholt.....	42	21	63	4	2	2	14	80	6	11 20	5 04	11 98	6 30	2 80			33 25
Osborne.....	A. J. Crawford.....	43	4	47	1	1	1	8	36	6	13 40	2 47	10 75	6 45	4 30		\$ 10 56	33 90
Glen Elder and Beloit.....	R. C. Lunsford.....	46	6	52	1	1	2	12	55	3	15 60	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40		3 00	20 93
Guba.....	W. F. Cook.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	6	17	9	9 60	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40			18 21
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....	H. B. Sutton.....	21	2	23	1	1	1	7	27	10	10 80	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70		10 00	17 50
Lincoln and Wilson.....	Anna G. Hill, supply.....	23	1	30	1	1	1	7	27	10	10 80	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70			23 94
<b>ALMENA DISTRICT</b>																		
Almena.....	J. H. Higgins, District Elder	35	2	37	3	2	1	9	40	6	14 00	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50		4 80	23 46
Logan and Denmore.....	Josephine Bates, supply.....	72	11	83	1	4	26	160	18	26 48	5 60	11 88	16 50	9 90	1 40		2 00	65 49
Pratt.....	O. W. Long.....	12	7	19	1	1	1	1	7	7	6 80	3 06	4 25	2 55	1 70			13 00
Hill City and Lenora.....	John Walton.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	1	7	7	6 80	3 06	4 25	2 55	1 70			
Wallace County.....	Cyrus Archer, supply.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	1	7	7	6 80	3 06	4 25	2 55	1 70			
	J. H. Higgins.....																	
<b>MACKSVILLE DISTRICT</b>																		
Macksville.....	J. S. Ogg, District Elder	51	4	55	4	2	12	64	19	16 40	7 38	10 25	10 25	6 15	4 10		9 40	98 73
Great Bend.....	C. H. Mallin.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	4	2	2 80	1 25	1 75	1 05	70			
Pratt Mission.....	E. P. Vanden.....	7	9	16	1	1	1	1	4	2	2 80	1 25	1 75	1 05	70			
Kingman and Cleveland.....	Funley Lovette, supply.....	38	5	43	1	1	9	40	12	16 40	7 38	10 25	10 25	6 15	4 10		14 00	35 22
Kiden Valley and Cedarvale.....	G. H. Chase.....	33	5	38	2	2	18	80	8	11 20	5 04	7 00	7 00	4 20	2 80		2 50	47 63
Mound Center and Sharon.....	F. R. Voaburg.....	38	5	43	1	1	9	40	12	16 40	7 38	10 25	10 25	6 15	4 10		2 50	47 63
<b>NESS CITY DISTRICT</b>																		
Beeler.....	J. S. Ogg, District Elder	22	1	23	1	1	2	10	45	4	15 20	6 84	9 50	5 70	3 80			5 00
Leoti.....	W. H. Cook.....	23	8	31	3	3	10	45	3	4 80	2 10	3 00	3 00	1 80	1 20			3 00
Santa Fe and Ulysses.....	J. E. Hargadine.....	10	12	22	1	1	6	20	2	2 80	1 25	1 75	1 05	70				
Harwood and Carmel.....	D. N. Bowers.....	39	15	54	1	1	15	75	42	15 60	7 02	9 75	9 75	5 85	3 90			25 37
Mullenville and Bethany.....	J. S. Cornish.....	10	12	22	1	1	6	20	2	2 80	1 25	1 75	1 05	70				
Bucklin.....	Charles Mitchell.....	7	7	14	1	1	1	1	4	2	2 70	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00			
Spencer.....	W. E. Kessling, supply.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	1	4	3	12 82	3 20	1 95	2 50				46 89
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# MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, AUGUST 19-22, 1908

## OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, President

F. L. BAKER, *Secretary*

D. J. ANTWERP, *Assistant Secretary*

W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer*

S. W. STONE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Burton R. Jones, S. W. Stone, F. L. Baker, J. G. Anderson.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—R. L. Scamehorn.

*On Education*—George Laubach, B. J. Vincent, L. E. Chase.

*On Publications*—George H. Peters, W. C. Muffitt, John Knecht.

*On Sabbath-schools*—S. W. Stone, L. N. Cottrell, George Pretty.

*On Reforms*—P. E. Vincent, A. E. Day, William Hall.

*On Examining Quarterly Conference Records*—A. Bradfield, George Laubach.

*On Memoirs*—S. W. Stone, F. L. Baker, D. J. VanAntwerp.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—B. R. Jones, S. W. Stone, F. L. Baker, John Knecht, George Pretty.

*To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary*—D. S. Warner, F. L. Baker.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. C. Muffitt, time expires 1911; George Laubach, time expires 1910; P. E. Vincent, time expires 1909.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. L. Baker, chairman; P. E. Vincent, secretary; W. C. Muffitt, treasurer; John Knecht.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Sabbath-schools*—S. W. Stone

*On Publications*—C. E. Edinger

*On Education*—B. J. Vincent

*On Reforms*—W. C. Muffitt

## OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

W. C. Muffitt, president; G. W. C. Smith, secretary and treasurer.

## MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

W. C. Muffitt, G. W. C. Smith, George H. Peters, L. H. Mulholland, I. Mudge, F. P. Russell, H. D. F. Gaffin, W. S. Mulholland, Burton R. Jones, W. B. Olmstead, A. Bradfield, S. W. Stone, L. G. Lewis, O. N. Shaw, B. J. Vincent, J. G. Anderson, J. R. Poet, Earl H. Hendrix, D. J. VanAntwerp, C. W. Miller, P. S. Shoemaker, C. E. Edinger, H. Montgomery.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Minnie A. Shoemaker, president; Mrs. Belle Champion, secretary; Miss Kate Martin, treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Bennett, corresponding secretary.

### CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Burton R. Jones, president; William C. Muffitt, treasurer; Frank L. Baker, secretary; William Kenworthy, George D. Pretty.

### ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Total amount of collections, \$1.00; twenty-five cents per quarter to be sent W. C. Muffitt, conference treasurer, and he to send in claims in order as instructed by general treasurer; amount for home missions made so as to make total claims \$1.00.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

H. Sawyer,	A. Bradfield,	P. E. Vincent,
G. W. C. Smith,	B. R. Jones,	F. P. Russell,
J. Baker,	R. L. Scamehorn,	C. W. Miller,
C. D. Paige,	G. H. Peters,	F. L. Baker,
George Laubach,	J. N. Boyer,	W. S. Mulholland,
D. J. VanAntwerp,	D. S. Warner,	A. T. Shumway,
W. C. Muffitt,	J. R. Poet,	A. V. Leonardson,
L. N. Cottrell,	C. E. Edinger,	William Rennie,
B. J. Vincent,	S. A. McGee,	J. G. Fortress,
S. W. Stone,	A. E. Day,	W. D. Kingsley,
P. S. Shoemaker,		

### DELEGATES

Walter S. Haynes,	A. W. Calkins,	Mrs. Grace Thompson.
L. E. Chase,	J. S. Hewey,	John Knecht,
Hosea Barager,	J. B. Reed,	J. C. Coral,
George Pretty,	Robert Bell,	Alexander Doonan,
William House,	W. W. Clark,	J. J. Sumrill,
William Hall,	Aaron Schroy,	Eunice Stodard,
H. A. Spicer,	Walter Porter,	J. W. Bowhall,
DeWitt Guy,	A. R. Hamilton.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, S. W. Stone, F. L. Baker, John Knecht, George Pretty.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. R. Hamilton, Leonard Larkins.

4. Who remain on trial? James G. Anderson, Earl H. Hendrix, Nelson E. Tingley, G. K. Thompson, W. A. Hennesey.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? A. T. Shumway, A. E. Day, James G. Fortress, J. G. Anderson (local deacon).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? William Rennie, S. A. McGee, A. E. Day.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? H. Sawyer, A. Bradfield, G. W. C. Smith, A. V. Leonardson, J. R. Poet, P. E. Vincent.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. D. Kingsley, from the North Michigan conference; P. S. Shoemaker, from the East Michigan conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? L. G. Lewis, W. S. Mulholland.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? H. Sawyer, \$110; G. W. C. Smith, \$125; A. Bradfield, \$150; A. V. Leonardson \$150; J. R. Poet, \$30; P. E. Vincent, \$150.
- 22, 23. See statistical report.
24. See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Adrian, Michigan; the time to be as near the last Wednesday in August, 1909, as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fourth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church at Ypsilanti, Michigan, August 19-22, 1908. Five sittings were held, one on Wednesday, one on Thursday, one on Friday, and two on Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced and invited to honorary seats: H. Montgomery, P. S. Shoemaker and M. E. Howard, of the East Michigan conference; J. A. Phillips and W. D. Kingsley, of the North Michigan conference.

Bishop B. R. Jones presided with ability. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased to be permitted to attend his home conference once more, and the conference was fully as well pleased to have him with them again.

J. P. Brodhead, our devoted missionary to Africa, gave us a personally conducted tour through the foreign land which is so dear to his heart. He gave us graphic descriptions, pointed out scenes of interest, told us of the remarkable conversions he had witnessed among the natives. The Holy Ghost greatly helped Brother Brodhead in awakening greater interest in our foreign work. Over \$800 was pledged for this great work; altogether over \$700 was raised in cash and subscriptions to clear the debt on the Ypsilanti church, and buy a lot on which to build a parsonage in the service just before the missionary meeting.

During the session of conference in the religious and business meetings over \$1,700 was raised for various purposes, which did not in any way interfere with the spirituality of the services, for many sought pardon and purity; one altar service lasting until 2 a. m. Both in the business sittings and in the religious services a general feeling of love and good will was manifested. Over \$40 was raised for J. R. Poet in one of the business sessions in a few moments of time, after which the conference joined in earnest prayer for our afflicted brother.

Raised to publish the minutes, \$24.05.

F. L. Baker and S. W. Stone were made a committee to confer with the committees appointed by the North Michigan, East Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada conferences with a view to arranging a semi-centennial camp-meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS

### SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—S. W. STONE, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan

Spring Arbor, Parma and Eckford.....  
.....A. D. Warren, supply, Spring Arbor, Michigan  
Jackson, Hiram Montgomery, supply, 307 E. Wilkins street, Jackson. "

Burton R. Jones, bishop, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan; D. S. Warner, editor of Sunday-school literature, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; B. J. Vincent, principal of Spring Arbor Seminary, Spring Arbor, Michigan; A. V. Leonardson, superannuated, Owosso, Michigan; P. E. Vincent, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; S. W. Stone, member of Spring Arbor district quarterly conference.

### DETROIT DISTRICT—S. W. STONE, District Elder

Detroit.....D. J. Van Antwerp, 681 Trombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan  
Ypsilanti and Wayne.....F. P. Russell, Ypsilanti, "  
New Boston and Texas.....G. K. Thompson, New Boston, "  
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....N. E. Tingley, Waltz, "  
Milan, Oakville and East Church.....W. D. Kingsley, Milan, "  
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....P. S. Shoemaker, Temperance; "  
Blissfield, Town Line, Prairie and Petersburg.....  
.....W. A. Hennesey, Deerfield, "  
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville and Tecumseh.....  
.....Leonard Larkins, Britton, "  
Adrian and Madison.....C. W. Miller, 120 Frank street, Adrian, "  
Jasper and Seneca.....James Linn, supply, Jasper, "

H. Sawyer, superannuated, London, Michigan; J. R. Poet, superannuated, Boulder City, Colorado; A. E. Day, supernumerary.

### KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—F. L. BAKER, District Elder, 311 Phelps avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Kalamazoo.....W. C. Muffitt, 509 Jasper street, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Battle Creek....R. L. Scamehorn, 80 Michigan avenue, Battle Creek, "  
Decatur and Keeler.....D. Brown, supply, Decatur, "  
Lawrence and Hartford.....Earl H. Hendrix, Lawrence, "  
Bainbridge, Pipestone and Watervliet, J. A. Vore, supply, Watervliet, "  
Coloma and Fish school-house.....A. R. Hamilton, Coloma, "  
South Haven.....J. Baker, 265 Broadway, South Haven, "

A. Bradfield, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; S. A. McGee, supernumerary, Sunfield, Michigan; William Rennie, supernumerary, Covert, Michigan; F. L. Baker, member of Kalamazoo district quarterly conference.

### COLDWATER DISTRICT—F. L. BAKER, District Elder

Coldwater and Bethel .....  
.....J. G. Anderson, 145 South Jefferson street, Coldwater, Michigan  
South Quincy and Algansee, George Laubach, R. F. D. 5, Coldwater, "  
Sherwood, Athens, Colon, and Union City, L. N. Cottrell, Sherwood, "  
Frontier and Ransom.....James G. Fortress, Frontier, "  
Hillsdale.....C. E. Edinger, Hillsdale, "  
Hudson.....George H. Peters, Hudson, "

C. D. Paige, evangelist, Quincy, Michigan; G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, Coldwater, Michigan; J. N. Boyer, left without an appointment according to Paragraph 94 of Discipline; W. S. Mulholland, granted a certificate of good standing with a view of transfer; A. T. Shumway, left without appointment, Paragraph 94 of Discipline, R. F. D. 5, Montgomery, Michigan.



## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Josephine Holden, South Quincy, Michigan  
 Mrs. Mary Osmun, Coldwater, Michigan  
 Mrs. Marion Rennie Covert, Michigan  
 Eunice Stoddard, Milan, Michigan  
 Mrs. Mary E. Edinger Bennet, Adrian, Michigan  
 Ida L. Gage, Spring Arbor, Michigan  
 Mrs. Minnie E. Shoemaker, Temperance, Michigan

## MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1	Raisinville, Michigan...	June 22, 1866	B. T. Roberts...	E. P. Hart....
2	Sherwood, " ..	September 25, 1866	Joseph Travis...	" .....
3	Coldwater, " ..	August 23, 1867	B. T. Roberts...	" .....
4	Raisinville, " ..	September 10, 1868	" .....	C. S. Gitchell ..
5	Ridgeway, " ..	" 10, 1869	" .....	B. R. Jones .....
6	Springfield, Ohio.....	" 29, 1870	" .....	" .....
7	Spring Arbor, Michigan	" 28, 1871	" .....	" .....
8	Delta, Ohio .....	" 25, 1872	" .....	L. J. Francisco.
9	St. Johns, Michigan....	" 25, 1873	" .....	B. R. Jones.....
10	Coopersville, " ..	" 23, 1874	" .....	" .....
11	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 1, 1875	E. P. Hart.....	A. H. Springst'n
12	Delta, Ohio.....	" 20, 1876	B. T. Roberts...	W. H. James...
13	Ridgeville, Ohio.....	October 3, 1877	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
14	Holland, " .....	September 25, 1878	B. T. Roberts...	" .....
15	South Quincy, Michigan	October 8, 1879	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
16	Oakville, " ..	" 6, 1880	B. T. Roberts...	" .....
17	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 5, 1881	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
18	Lawrence, " ..	" 4, 1882	B. T. Roberts...	A. Bradfield....
19	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 3, 1883	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
20	Coldwater, " ..	" 1, 1884	" .....	" .....
21	Milan, " ..	September 9, 1885	B. T. Roberts...	" .....
22	Decatur, " ..	October 6, 1886	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
23	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 5, 1887	B. T. Roberts...	" .....
24	Hartford, " ..	" 3, 1888	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
25	Kalamazoo, " ..	September 4, 1889	Geo. W. Coleman	" .....
26	Holloway, " ..	" 10, 1890	B. T. Roberts...	" .....
27	Sherwood, " ..	August 26, 1891	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
28	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 24, 1892	Geo. W. Coleman	" .....
29	South Quincy, " ..	" 23, 1893	W. T. Hogg.....	" .....
30	Milan, " ..	" 29, 1894	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
31	Adrian, " ..	" 28, 1895	Geo. W. Coleman	" .....
32	Jackson, " ..	" 19, 1896	B. R. Jones.....	" .....
33	Kalamazoo, " ..	" 18, 1897	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
34	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 10, 1898	Geo. W. Coleman	" .....
35	Addison, " ..	" 30, 1899	W. A. Sellew....	" .....
36	Montgomery, " ..	" 29, 1900	B. R. Jones.....	" .....
37	Adrian, " ..	" 21, 1901	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
38	South Haven, " ..	September 10, 1902	Geo. W. Coleman	" .....
39	Battle Creek, " ..	August 26, 1903	W. A. Sellew....	" .....
40	Spring Arbor, " ..	" 17, 1904	B. R. Jones.....	" .....
41	Battle Creek, " ..	" 23, 1905	E. P. Hart.....	" .....
42	Coldwater, " ..	September 1, 1906	W. T. Hague.....	L. H. Mulholla'd
43	Kalamazoo, " ..	August 28, 1907	W. A. Sellew....	F. L. Baker ....
44	Ypsilanti, " ..	" 19, 1908	B. R. Jones.....	F. L. Baker .....

## LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Lewis E. Chase....	Jackson, Michigan	William McKay,	Spring Arbor,
James Linn .....	Jasper, "	Michigan	
A. L. Dewey.....	Addison, "	James G. Anderson,	Coldwater,
Bernard Boon.....	Detroit, "	Michigan	
Goldsmith Dean ..	Hudson, "	E. J. Manning,	Santa Ana, California
L. L. Warner.....	Adrian, "		

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS FUND—Amount paid, \$135.40.

Disbursed by treasurer before conference, \$18.50; disbursed at conference to pastors for the coming year: Coloma, \$10; Blissfield, \$25; Lawrence, \$15; Hillsdale, \$5; Coldwater, \$10; Bainbridge, \$15; Hudson, \$10; Ypsilanti, \$10; Temperance, \$5; Decatur, \$10; total \$115. Amount in hand of treasurer, \$1.90.

GENERAL MISSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$145.05.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$96.70.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$386.80.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$174.06.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$48.35.

TO PUBLISH MINUTES—\$24.05.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$17.39.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$13.85.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$536.52.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$325.47.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON EDUCATION.

That to become a man is to grow up to merely physical maturity is a notion that was believed by many of the ancestral type. It was a sentiment, too prevalent, that he who could most astonish or amuse with corporeal feats, reached nearest to the ideal man. And, even those days are gone by, there are not a few of our own day and age who still hold to those old notions; who continue to roll on in the old ruts cut by their grandfathers' carts.

It is thought an education that has lifted this world from the plane of superstition and ignorance up to the realm of light and understanding. It is the minds of earth that are now urging it onward and upward to a higher realm of faith where woe and waste do not attend its development, nor misdirected energy retard its progress. Thinking, not growth, makes manhood. Every deep solid thought strengthens the tension of mind that it may create other and more powerful thoughts. Each effort at thinking expends the intellectual activity, and he only makes the most of his mental faculties, who at the completion of a thought, pushes on to the completion of other higher and nobler thoughts.

Our ability to glorify God and to benefit our fellow-men depends largely on education. One has said, "Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress; no despotism enslave; no enemy alienate; at home a friend; abroad, an introduction; in solitude, a solace." Education is the corner stone of civilization.

The great end of education is to prepare man to fulfil the purposes of humane existence. Men in every vocation of life should have their natural faculties developed and disciplined, and especially is this true with those who are called to herald the glad tidings of the gospel.

So far as the duty of Free Methodists, both to the church and to the educational institutions of the church are concerned, their attitude and line of conduct are clearly indicated. Duty demands most intense interest. The

wise founder of the church clearly saw the necessity of denominational schools from the very beginning of our representation of Christianity. These schools were founded in Truth, and must be invested with lasting life. They were backed up by toil, tears, self-sacrifice and prayers of heroic men and women of the pioneer days of the church. It ill becomes those who are following on, as heirs and successors to these priceless blessings, to grow cold or indifferent in view of the great duty of the hour.

"Though I could reach from pole to pole,  
And grasp creation in my span;  
I must be measured by my soul,  
The mind is the standard of the man."

We earnestly advise the members of the Michigan conference to patronize our Christian schools for the education of their children or themselves. Among these schools we call especial attention to Spring Arbor Seminary, situated within the bounds of the Michigan conference, as a Christian school of great excellence and prominently in the front rank of the educational institutions of Michigan. This noble institution is not only a place where intellectual knowledge is imparted, but where Bible truth is taught and Christian character formed.

We urge the members of the Michigan conference to put forth a persistent effort to increase the opportunities of Spring Arbor seminary for doing good. We recognize the efficient services of the principal, Rev. B. J. Vincent, and promise him our hearty co-operation.

## II.—ON REFORMS.

As a church we stand second to none with regard to the question of moral reform. We are glad to note the spirit of unity among us. Preachers and laymen are a unit in advancing the Master's kingdom. There is an opportunity for improvement along many lines.

Covetousness is a great sin. Many of our preachers receive less than does the man who handles the shovel or sweeps the streets. Some because of this have become discouraged and turned aside to secular callings. We recommend a more systematic plan in providing for the support of those who labor among them and are over them in the Lord. It is supposed that if ten families were so disposed to contribute, they would be able to care for another family as well as any of the ten are cared for. Many preachers who report small salaries would be able to give a larger report if due care and attention were given to this matter by the stewards.

The awful tide of Sabbath desecration, the open saloon, the Sunday excursion, base-ball games and many other such things will soon destroy our Christian Sabbath.

We believe all oath-bound secret societies are against the laws of God and destroying the freedom of our country. As a church we are glad to note our well-defined position remains as in the beginning of our history. No compromise with sin.

The dress question in the Free Methodist church is settled we hope and believe beyond recall. It is to be feared a tendency to depart from the old landmarks appears in some quarters, but we are glad to note this is the rare exception rather than the rule. We protest against the low-necked dress and open peek-a-boo waists so much and commonly worn at the present time.

The awful tide of intemperance sweeps on carrying its thousands annually to a drunkard's grave and hell. We should unitedly give our voice and vote to the party who is pledged to wipe out this nefarious traffic. Such a party is well organized, heroic in their efforts, untiring in their zeal, and demands the hearty co-operation of all Christian men everywhere. Let us rally to the cry and strike the monster the death-blow. We cannot tame it. We cannot regulate it by law. It must die.

## III.—ON MEMOIRS.

Since the last session of our conference none of our preachers have been removed by death, yet three of their homes have been visited by sore affliction. Not long after conference, Jessie E., the wife of James Fortress, was called to her eternal reward. She was a faithful and beloved wife and mother, an earnest Christian, leaving a clear evidence of being ready for the great change. Later in the year Brother and Sister Poet were called to mourn the loss of a beloved child two years old.

Lillie, wife of C. W. Miller, was called from earth after a severe illness. She was converted in her youth and her life was a constant benediction in her home. Wherever she was providentially called to labor she left a very bright evidence of her acceptance with God, and her last testimony and dying admonitions had a great effect on the church and community.

We hereby desire to express our heartfelt sympathy for these brethren, and assure them they have had our brotherly interest and our earnest prayers.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT							\$670 48					
Spring Arbor and Parma.....			\$ 85 10	\$ 4 30	\$ 626 37	100	63 91	\$ 10 00	1	\$ 200	1	\$ 1500
Jackson.....	1 55	2 00	38 00	2 10	484 48	110	45 09	20 00	1	2000	1	1500
DETROIT DISTRICT												
Detroit.....	2 00	3 30	70 18	5 25	891 17	120	85 79	55 52	1	4000	1	2500
Ypsilanti and Wayne.....	1 00		40 56	1 45	451 60		51 99	12 00	1	2300		
New Boston and Texas.....	1 00	1 00	22 61	.95	276 38	60	57 51	30 76	2	1800	1	500
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....				1 15	181 72	36	34 70		2	1500	1	500
Millar, Oakville, East Church.....	1 15		35 00	3 75	550 50	96	134 40		2	2000	1	1300
Temperance, Ida, Whiteford.....			40 00	1 50	389 50	60	49 72	55 75	3	2500	1	1000
Blissfield, Town Line, etc.....	1 00		5 90	70	306 32	60	22 91		4	3000	1	800
Ridgeway, Holloway, etc.....			22 01	1 90	382 40	40	35 64	5 00	3	2500	1	500
Adrian and Madison.....	1 00	2 00	32 37	2 35	462 40	120	4 60		2	2500	1	1500
Jasper and Seneca.....			11 58	80			41 22	4 20	1	1000	1	700
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT							617 6					
Kalamazoo.....		4 50	124 55	3 15	710 00	150	80 85	3 50	1	4500	1	2500
Battle Creek.....			50 88	2 30	583 41		57 02	10 30	1	3500		
Decatur, Keeler, Lawrence, etc.....			7 00	1 45	170 14	60	35 60		4	3800	1	1000
Bainbridge and Pipestone.....	1 63		19 88	70	116 00	43	23 04	4 50	2	900		
Coloma, Watervliet, etc.....			26 36	2 20	327 16	60	67 88		2	2400	1	1200
South Haven.....			27 72	2 40	391 52	96	47 39	28 72	1	1200	1	1300
COLDWATER DISTRICT												
Coldwater and Bethel.....			49 79	1 80	249 41	110	63 38		2	4837	1	1200
South Quincy and Algansee.....	4 00		27 00	2 40	385 00	100	85 14		2	1800	1	700
Sherwood and Colon.....			23 61	1 70	245 70	60	47 48	9 25	2	2000	1	600
Frontier and Ransom.....	2 00		8 72	2 00	425 10	50	47 36	12 00	2	2000	1	1000
Hillsdale.....			20 00	.95	259 29		34 20		1	1200		
Hudson.....	1 00	1 05	7 12	1 05	335 63	60	38 22	6 73	1	1000	1	1600
Total.....	\$17 39	\$13 85	\$ 216 54	\$48 35	\$9261 20	1591	1288 04	\$ 258 23	43	\$ 54437 20	20	\$22700

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE SPRING ARBOR, DETROIT, KALAMAZOO AND COLDWATER DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missionary Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT																											
S. W. Stone, District Elder																											
Spring Arbor and Parma.....	94	8	102	3	2	1	23	101	30	\$34.40	\$15.48	\$10.32	\$12.90	\$8.60													
Jackson.....	35	3	38	3	1	1	11	40	9	16.80	7.56	6.30	6.30	4.20													\$100 00
DETROIT DISTRICT																											
S. W. Stone, District Elder																											
Detroit.....	106	7	113	2	1	1	15	60	11	42 00	18 90	12 60	15 75	10 50													94 95
Xpialanti and Wayne.....	42	5	47	1	1	1	7	45	7	11 60	5 22	3 48	4 35	2 90													12 00
New Boston and Texas.....	27	19	46	1	2	1	15	40	7	7 60	3 42	2 28	2 85	1 90													25 70
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....	26	1	27	1	1	1	4	10	9	9 20	4 14	2 75	3 45	2 30													
Milan, Oakville and East Church.....	64	6	70	1	2	1	15	50	8	32 00	13 50	9 00	11 25	7 50													2 00
Temperance, Ida and Whitford.....	29	6	35	1	1	1	15	60	7	12 00	5 40	3 60	4 50	3 00													8 00
Blissfield, Town Line, Prairie, etc.....	16	1	17	1	1	1	8	20	11	5 60	2 52	1 68	2 10	1 40													2 00
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville, etc.....	28	2	30	1	1	1	7	40	15	13 80	6 44	4 56	5 70	3 80													9 00
Adrian and Madison.....	51	11	62	3	1	1	7	40	15	18 40	8 46	5 64	7 05	4 70													26 00
Jasper and Seneca.....	16	1	16	1	1	1	6	30	5	6 40	2 88	1 92	2 40	1 60													
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT																											
F. L. Baker, District Elder																											
Kalamazoo.....	69	6	75	1	1	1	15	95	12	25 20	11 34	7 56	9 45	6 30													103 00
Battle Creek.....	50	5	55	1	1	1	11	53	11	18 40	8 28	5 52	6 90	4 60													20 00
Decatur, Keeler, Lawrence, Hartford.....	30	1	31	2	1	1	5	30	4	11 60	5 22	3 48	4 35	2 90													34 18
Bainbridge and Pipestone.....	16	2	18	1	1	1	7	42	4	5 60	2 52	1 68	2 10	1 40													1 05
Coloma, Watervliet and Fish S. H.....	47	2	49	1	1	1	16	65	...	17 00	7 92	5 28	6 60	4 40													18 34
South Haven.....	45	2	47	1	1	1	7	40	...	19 20	8 64	5 76	7 20	4 80													61 00
COLDWATER DISTRICT																											
F. L. Baker, District Elder																											
Coldwater and Bethel.....	37	11	48	1	2	1	13	85	6	14 40	6 48	4 32	5 40	3 60													
South Quincy and Algonsee.....	57	9	66	1	3	1	17	110	7	19 20	8 64	5 76	7 20	4 80													6 00
Sherwood and Colon.....	38	5	43	2	1	2	10	45	8	13 60	6 12	4 08	5 10	3 40													39 56
Frontier and Ransom.....	36	2	38	2	1	1	4	25	11	16 00	7 20	4 50	6 00	4 00													5 00
Hillsdale.....	29	1	30	1	1	1	7	30	...	7 60	3 42	2 28	2 85	1 90													
Hudson.....	27	1	27	1	1	1	7	15	7	8 40	3 78	2 52	3 15	2 10													6 03
Total.....	1015	112	1127	21	7	32	251	1153	137	\$386 80	\$174 06	\$116 04	\$145 05	\$96 70													\$325 47
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# EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO, SEPTEMBER 2-5, 1908

## OFFICERS

JOHN S. M'GEARY, *President*

C. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary*

W. H. REYNOLDS, *Assistant Secretary*

R. BURNHAM, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—John S. M'Geary, R. Burnham, A. Sims.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—W. H. Reynolds, E. Snyder.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—W. Zurbrigg.

*On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Evangelists' Benefit Fund*—The committee on Home Missions.

*On Sabbath-schools*—W. H. Reynolds, C. Cunningham, S. C. Snyder.

*On Education*—W. Zurbrigg, A. H. Norrington, T. Loveless.

*On Reforms*—C. Cunningham, A. Sims, C. Scott.

*On Publications*—E. Snyder, W. H. Gregory, Harry Bray.

*On State of the Work*—A. H. Norrington, R. Burnham, F. E. Minor, H. Crowder.

*On Founding a Free Methodist Seminary in Canada*—A. H. Norrington, A. Sims, R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, R. J. Whaley, T. Loveless, F. E. Minor.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Sabbath-schools*—S. C. Snyder,      *On Publications*—W. H. Gregory.

*On Education*—A. H. Norrington,      *On Reforms*—Emerson Snyder.

*On State of the Work*—W. H. Reynolds, A. H. Norrington.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. Burnham, president; A. Sims, secretary and treasurer; W. H. Reynolds, R. Babcock, H. Bray.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. H. Norrington, president; C. Cunningham, secretary; R. Burnham, treasurer; F. E. Minor, S. C. Scott.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. H. Norrington, president, for one year; C. Cunningham, secretary, for four years; R. Burnham, for two years; A. Sims, for three years.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (20 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Missions (15 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Contingent (30 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); Evangelists' Benefit Fund, free-will offering to be taken on the first Sabbath in December.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Latta Babcock, president, 346 Water street, Peterboro, Ontario; Miss Ger-

trude Pratt, vice-president. 41 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario; Miss Kate F. Clark, corresponding and recording secretary, 346 Water street, Peterboro, Ontario; Mrs. Elizabeth Sims, treasurer, 5 Simpson avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

A. Sims.	R. Burnham.	W. H. Reynolds.
A. H. Norrington,	C. Cunningham.	E. Snyder.
W. Zurbrigg,	C. Goodrich.	W. H. Gregory,
D. L. Gunter.	S. E. Snyder.	L. Slingerland,
C. F. Appleton.	H. B. Luck.	

### DELEGATES

Asa Amey.	Maggie Fox,	T. Loveless,
Emma Buck.	S. E. Ward,	A. Ball,
Henry Wattam,	S. Nobes,	H. Crowder,
Richard Babcock,	C. Steenburg,	H. Leake,
Dorinda Wagar,	F. E. Minor,	J. Hill,
R. J. Whaley,	C. Scott,	Edith Snyder,
J. Shay,	H. Bray,	T. J. Luck.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. S. McGeary, R. Burnham, A. H. Norrington, T. Loveless, R. J. Whaley.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Alfred Ball, Norman Harp.

4. Who remain on trial? F. D. Bradley, Miles Babcock, J. W. Potter, C. A. Babcock, Fred F. Prior, W. P. Harnden.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. B. Luck.

6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Gregory, L. Slingerland, S. C. Snyder, D. L. Gunter, H. B. Luck.

7. Who have been elected elders this year? C. F. Appleton.

8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. L. Gunter.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See reports and statistics.

21, 22. No business.

23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The district elders and secretary were appointed a committee to fix the time and place.

## APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder.  
41 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario

Kingston.....H. B. Luck, Kingston, Ontario  
Odessa and Cataraqui.....C. Goodrich, Odessa. "  
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....  
.....W. H. Gregory, supply, Gananoque. "

Petworth, Yarker and Holleford.....R. Babcock, supply, Petworth, Ontario  
 Picton, Ridge Road, Elmbrook and Demorestville.....  
 .....R. Burnham, Alfred Ball, Picton, "  
 Enterprise, Fifth Lake and Wagarville.....  
 .....G. Steenburg, supply, Enterprise, "  
 Verona, Oak Flats and Desert Lake.....J. W. Potter, Verona, "  
 Westport, Fernoy and Perth Road.....C. A. Babcock, Westport, "  
 Vennachar and Fernleigh.....J. D. Cowan, supply, Vennachar, "  
 P. F. Prior, Norman Harp, evangelists, Bracebridge, Ontario; A. H. Nor-  
 rington, member of Kingston district quarterly conference.

#### HAVELOCK DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder

Warkworth, Zion and Campbellford....C. Cunningham, Warkworth, Ontario  
 Cordova, Victoria and Trent Bridge....A. M. Gunter, supply, Cordova, "  
 Marmora, Beaver Creek and North Marmora...E. Snyder, Marmora, "  
 Gunter and McCrae.....S. E. Ward, supply, Gunter, "  
 D. L. Gunter, supernumerary, Oak Heights, Ontario.

TORONTO DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder, Uxbridge, Ontario  
 Armadale.....Henry Wattam, supply, Armadale, Ontario  
 Toronto.....A. Sims, 5 Simpson avenue, Toronto, "  
 Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....  
 .....William Findlay and Louise Findlay, supplies, Uxbridge, "  
 Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe.....L. Slingerland, Belhaven, "  
 Peterboro Mission.....Lotta Babcock, Kate F. Clark, supplies, "  
 .....346 Water street, Peterboro, "  
 W. H. Reynolds, member of Toronto district quarterly conference.

#### MUSKOKA DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder

Crown Hill and Barrie.....  
 .....Wilmott Harnden, Emma Harden, supply, Crown Hill, Ontario  
 Barkway, Cooper's Falls and Housey's Rapids.....  
 .....Miles Babcock, Housey's Rapids, "  
 Gravenhurst.....S. C. Snyder, Gravenhurst, "  
 Bracebridge.....F. D. Bradley, Bracebridge, "  
 Huntsville and Silverdale.....W. Zurbrigg, Huntsville, "  
 C. Floyd Appleton, missionary to China, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$119.88.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$66.60.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$99.90.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$266.40.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$33.30.

CONTINGENT FUND—Raised during the year, \$199.80; paid traveling ex-  
 penses of preachers, \$98.90; paid traveling expenses of delegates, \$76.40.  
 Total, \$175.30; balance on hand, \$24.50.

EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND—Receipts on hand from last year, \$89.57;  
 raised during the year, \$16.33; total, \$105.90. Disbursements: Paid to Louise  
 Findlay, \$30. Balance on hand, \$75.90.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$19.00.

RAISED BY THE W. F. M. S.—\$864.66.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held. Rev. J. S. M'Geary presided  
 very acceptably indeed. The entertainment was all that could be desired. Two

preachers were admitted on trial, one in full connection, and one was elected to elder's orders. About two hundred dollars was raised for various purposes. The conference collections were all reported as raised in full.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

Kingston and Havelock districts—Receipts, \$136.97; disbursements, \$102.15; balance on hand, \$34.82.

Toronto and Muskoka districts—Receipts, \$152.90; disbursements, \$81.90; balance on hand, \$71.00.

### II.—ON REFORMS.

Many evils have existed from time immemorial and these have steadily increased until their name is legion. Reform movements have been inaugurated to combat these, but we think a clean, holiness church the most potent force to contend with this satanic brood. We believe the Free Methodist church is second to none in her opposition to all evil.

I. The licensed liquor traffic is a gigantic evil. The tears it wrings from our wives and mothers, the misery it causes in so many homes, the material it furnishes for houses of shame and drunkard's graves, and a long catalogue of other evils, all appeal to us to unite our efforts to utterly annihilate this gigantic mother of abominations. We must fight, not for merely restrictive measures, but for thorough prohibition. We notice with gratitude, the temperance wave that is sweeping the United States and Canada, and pray that it may engulf the entire world. We hereby protest against the unjust three-fifths clause that is so effectually hindering the local option movement in Ontario, and pray that it may be quickly abolished and our right restored to us; and we hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to assist in utterly abolishing the horrible liquor traffic from our land.

II. The secret lodge system has coiled itself around and through nearly every phase of our modern civilization, and seeks to destroy the very foundations of Christianity. Its serpentine folds choke the witness, the jury, and the judge, until justice is almost unknown. It has throttled many preachers, until few indeed dare lift their voices against it. We must continue to cry against this son of perdition.

III. Romanism with its fearful deceptions, its unjust claims and fake professions, is a great barrier to true Christianity. While this Babylonish structure received a tremendous blow at the hands of the sturdy reformers in the sixteenth century, we fear that in these days of ease and compromise the conquest is not being pushed as it should be. We must oppose this anti-Christ or forfeit the blessing of God.

IV. Sabbath desecration is an evil that is working fearful havoc. Any people that violate the fourth commandment are treading on dangerous ground. The greed for gold and love of pleasure lead their bewitched devotees along, until they finally plunge head-long into perdition. The Sunday theatre, base and foot-ball games, and similar practises are evils that God will surely pour His wrath upon. We rejoice in the good work the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada is doing, and bid them "God-speed."

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VI. The nasty, sickening and degrading tobacco habit is still alive. We behold with sorrow the emaciated cigarette slaves on every hand. We must continue to bombard this cesspool of nastiness as long as its sickening odors declare its existence.

VII. "Covetousness which is idolatry" is an evil that is growing every day. Many church members, and with sorrow we admit that some Free Methodists, are guilty of this sin. Our preachers are sometimes at their wits' ends, our charitable institutions suffer, and the heathen perish, all because of this evil. We recommend the scrupulous tithing of our income as a means of cur-

ing this disease. The Scriptures denominate anything less than this as "robbing God."

IX. Evil speaking is an inlet to division, that grieves the Holy Spirit, wounds each other and cripples our influence for good. We must "hew this Agag in pieces before the Lord." It is not enough to read Mr. Wesley's sermon once a year, or occasionally to preach on the subject, but we, as preachers, must set the example by keeping the door of our lips. We have seen fearful havoc, caused by this gatling gun in the hands of some who should have been feeding instead of fleecing the flock. This evil must be stopped at once or ruin is inevitable.

XI. Formalism is a rock on which many churches have split. We must be baptized with the Holy Spirit and keep blest in our souls, or we can have no excuse for our denominational existence.

XII. We must be aware also of the dangers of fanaticism. This coral reef is growing rapidly and is assuming alarming proportions in the religious world. The third blessing theory, the Tongues' delusion, and a denunciatory spirit are among the breakers that must be avoided.

In conclusion we would say, we may write and preach on reforms, and be conscious of our needs along this line, but all will be useless unless we actually and quickly remove the cause of all these troubles by fleeing to the fountain of cleansing and abiding there continually.

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<b>KINGSTON DISTRICT</b>												
Kingston and Cataraqui.....			\$ 37 11	\$ 1 95	\$ 419 00	\$ 66	\$ 55 74		2	\$ 4000		
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....			16 00	1 00	390 00	84	42 17		1	1400	1	\$ 1400
Odessa, Petworth and Yarker.....			26 75	2 15	284 33	33	50 95		2	2900		
Verona, Oak Flats, Holleford.....			39 74	2 70	350 00	36	70 12	\$ 25 00	2	2300	1	1000
Enterprise, Fifth Lake, etc.....				75	160 00		21 75	3 50	1	500		
Westport, Fermoy and Maberly.....			9 62	85	215 00	18	45 62	76 00	1	1200		
Vennacher and Fernleigh.....			18 10	70	45 25		32 86	42 00	2	600		
Pictou, Ridge Road, Elmbrook.....				90	317 70	44	58 58	73 63	2	1800	1	1000
Perth Road and North Shore.....	38	24		40	111 10		12 96	3 00	1	760		
<b>HAVELOCK DISTRICT</b>												
Gunter and McCrae.....			8 68	80	160 68		29 93		1	500	1	650
Beaver Creek and N. Marmora.....			29 31	1 75	370 60	22	68 39	10 00	2	1900	1	350
Cordova, Victoria, Trent Bridge.....			6 50	1 00	235 00	18	39 94		2	1400		
Warkworth, Zion, Campbellford.....			34 55	2 00	508 72	50	67 84		2	2525	1	1500
<b>TORONTO DISTRICT</b>												
Toronto and Port Pleasant.....			24 57	1 45	359 49		49 53		1	5000		
Arncliffe and Scarborough.....				1 00	274 42		42 86		1	1000		
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....			19 41	1 80	280 49	60	47 18		2	1300	1	500
Belhaven, Baldwin, Ravenshoe.....			31 40	2 25	338 31		60 23		3	1300	1	1000
Peterboro Mission.....			30 50	85	245 43		32 80					
<b>MUSKOKA DISTRICT</b>												
Crown Hill and Barrie.....			9 70	1 55	205 12		40 41		1	1500		
Barkway, Housey's Rapids, etc.....			20 74	2 05	343 97	24	50 31		3	1100	1	500
Gravenhurst.....			16 29	1 10	231 47		45 40		1	4000		
Bracebridge.....			31 40	3 30	480 76	50	77 35		1	1500	1	1600
Huntsville and Silverdale.....	2 00		78 58	1 00	360 35	75	50 66	12 50	2	900	1	500
Total.....	\$ 2 38	\$ 24	\$ 488 85	\$ 33 30	\$ 6737 59	\$ 580	\$ 1094 01	\$ 245 63	36	\$ 39825	11	\$ 10000



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE  
KINGSTON, HAVELock, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claim	Concave Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mission	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
KINGSTON DISTRICT																		
Kington and Cataraqui.....	A. H. Norrington, District Elder	46	6	51	1	2	10	75	8	15 60	7 02	7 80	7 80	5 85	3 90			43 18
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....	W. Zubrigg.....	22	14	36	1	1	5	50	5	8 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00			13 23
Georgina, Fenwick and Hawke.....	W. H. Gregory.....	48	36	84	1	2	9	180	8	17 20	7 26	9 28	8 10	8 10	4 00			17 52
Vanderburg, Fenwick and Hawke.....	C. W. Pritchard.....	4	36	40	1	2	13	134	2	21 60	9 72	10 80	9 72	8 10	5 40			31 55
Enterprise, Fifth Lake, Waverly.....	D. L. Gunter.....	15	36	51	1	2	13	134	2	6 80	3 08	3 40	2 55	2 55	1 70			9 27
Westport, Fernoy and Maberly.....	Gertrude Pratt, supply.....	14	2	16	1	1	2	15	4	5 60	2 52	3 40	2 70	2 70	1 80			2 72
Vennachar and Fernleigh.....	J. D. Cowan, supply.....	10	2	12	1	2	5	24	3	7 20	3 24	1 60	1 60	1 20	80			15
Pictou, Ridge Road and Elmbrook.....	G. W. Overbaugh, supply.....	23	7	30	1	1	5	24	2	3 20	1 44	1 60	1 60	1 20	80			15
Perth Road and North Shore.....	N. Harp, supply.....	11		11	1	1			2	3 20	1 44	1 60	1 60	1 20	80			15
HAVELock DISTRICT																		
Gunter and McOrae.....	A. H. Norrington, District Elder	16	5	21	1	1	5	35	1	6 40	2 88	3 20	2 40	2 40	1 60			1 85
Georgina Creek and North Waverly.....	S. E. Ward, supply.....	42	7	49	1	1	10	73	8	14 00	6 30	7 00	5 25	5 25	3 50			61 07
Georgina, Fenwick, Fenwick and Hawke.....	E. S. Prior.....	23	23	46	1	1	7	35	2	8 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00			23 50
Warkworth, Zion and Campbellford.....	C. Cunningham.....	44	13	57	2	2	10	65	15	16 00	7 20	8 00	6 00	6 00	4 60			86 84
TORONTO DISTRICT																		
Toronto and Port Credit.....	R. Burnham, District Elder.....	27	1	28	1	1	6	38	7	11 60	5 22	5 80	4 35	4 35	2 90			159 60
Armada and Scarborough Junction.....	Laura J. Coleman, supply.....	18	1	19	1	1	6	48	5	8 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00			30 31
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....	W. P. Harnden.....	38	1	39	2	1	10	71	7	14 40	6 48	7 20	5 40	5 40	3 60			44 40
Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe.....	Wm. Findlay, supply.....	40	24	64	2	2	8	70	4	18 00	8 10	9 00	6 75	6 75	4 50			10 65
Peterboro Mission.....	L. Slingerland.....	19	11	30	2	2	4	30	5	6 80	3 06	3 40	2 55	2 55	1 70			33 82
MUSKOKA DISTRICT																		
Grown Hill and Barrie.....	R. Burnham, District Elder.....	25	1	26	1	1	3	19	5	12 40	5 58	6 20	4 65	4 65	3 10			88 75
Backway, Housey's Rapids, etc.....	Eliza Free, supply.....	38	5	43	1	3	13	67	6	16 40	7 38	8 20	6 15	6 15	4 10			88 75
Gravenhurst.....	Miles Babcock.....	20	6	26	1	1	6	45	4	8 80	3 96	4 40	3 30	3 30	2 20			35 20
Gravenhurst.....	S. C. Snyder.....	68		68	4	1	11	75	20	26 40	11 88	13 20	9 90	9 90	6 60			74 71
Huntsville and Silverdale.....	W. H. Reynolds.....	23	11	34	1	2	9	70	6	8 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00			60 60
	Lottia Babcock, supply.....																	
Total.....		710	164	874	25	12	163	1159	135	296 40	119 86	128 40	99 45	98 30	64 06			\$776 57

# EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
MEMPHIS, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 2-5, 1908

## OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

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## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Burton R. Jones, S. H. Porterfield, W. J. Jackson, W. J. Hazleton, A. E. Warren.

*On Church Literature*—S. H. Porterfield, E. D. Hartley, W. E. Hosmer, U. Cross, J. Scott.

*On Raising Funds to Publish the Minutes*—M. E. Howard, W. G. Roe.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Sabbath-schools*—W. J. Hallead, J. A. Spencer, Lucy Footit, Emma Hamilton.

*On Memoirs*—S. H. Porterfield, W. W. Hoyt, F. J. Calkins, S. Johnson, D. P. Morse.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—C. E. Caswell, F. L. Crandall, W. H. Haight, A. J. Stevens, Charles Shimmons, Lee Cole, E. Barrett, William McKenzie.

*On Reforms*—A. E. Warren, Bion Voorheis, Emma Robson, Kate Francisco, William Boomer.

*On Education*—H. Voorhess, N. M. Cooke, A. S. Stambaugh, A. Stewart, L. Snyder.

*On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts*—J. P. Burdett, L. A. Liverance.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On the State of the Work*—The district elders.

*On Charities*—M. DeVoist, M. E. Howard, F. E. Crippen, E. B. Call, J. Dorman, James McHarg.

*On Ministerial Relations*—H. Voorhess, J. H. McMillen, W. H. Iles, A. D. Warren, A. S. Parks, J. Scott, William Curry, Charles Lynk, Charles Mehlberg.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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M. L. Bovee, for three years; S. H. Porterfield, N. M. Cooke.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—W. J. Jackson,

*On Charities*—M. E. Howard,

*On Sabbath-schools*—E. B. Call,

*On Reforms*—J. H. McMillen.

*On Church Literature*—A. J. Stevens.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

All claims to be taken during the first half of the conference year.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Foda Roe, president, Rose City, Michigan; Mrs. D. P. Morse, first vice-president, Sandusky, Michigan; Mrs. Beria Call, second vice-president, Williamston, R. F. D., Michigan; Mrs. Bessie Potbury, recording secretary, Maple Ridge, Michigan; Mrs. Clara Cooke, corresponding secretary, Otisville, Michigan; Mrs. Mattie J. Hoyt, treasurer, Bay City, Michigan; Mrs. Phebe Proper, superintendent of Junior work, 1001 Wood street, Flint, Michigan.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

S. Johnson,	I. Mudge,	J. W. Currier,
C. D. Hoadley,	M. DeVoist,	D. C. Embury,
F. J. Calkins,	W. W. Hoyt,	William Rumley,
S. G. Bartlett,	W. H. Haight,	E. D. Hartley,
W. G. Roe,	H. Voorhess,	J. A. Spencer,
W. H. Iles,	Bion Voorheis,	A. Tice,
W. E. Hosmer,	M. Cuthbert,	S. J. Reed,
B. F. Doolittle,	W. J. Jackson,	M. L. Bovee,
A. J. Stevens,	J. P. Burdett,	A. S. Stambaugh,
W. J. Hallead,	H. Montgomery,	N. M. Cooke,
F. E. Crippen,	A. E. Warren,	S. H. Porterfield,
A. D. Warren,	J. N. Wilson,	J. H. McMillen,
M. E. Howard,	E. B. Call,	H. L. Yakes,
C. E. Caswell,	F. L. Crandall,	H. Barns,
R. R. Haight,		

## DELEGATES

U. Cross,	C. P. Shimmons,	Emma Hamilton,
Albert Dodds,	F. Mehlberg,	J. McHarg,
William Curry,	J. R. Dorman,	J. Scott,
Lee Cole,	George Shannon,	A. Goss,
Mariette Dean,	B. Augsburg,	J. F. Wilkinson,
A. Dodds,	L. A. Liverance,	J. R. Garnett,
Mary Boles,	A. S. Parks,	C. H. Mehlberg,
J. Williams,	Frank Brace,	P. O. Miles,
Kate Francisco,	William Williams,	C. Lyuk,
Emma Robson,	E. Barrett,	A. Stewart,
William Hazleton,	George Bartle,	Moses Smith,
Lucy Footit,	J. King,	C. H. Lee,
J. Wood,	L. D. Holmes,	D. E. Dean,
G. H. Haney,	G. Hungerford,	William McKenzie,
R. Stephenson,	M. Boomer,	Frank Robertson,
D. P. Morse,	T. J. Reynolds,	L. Snyder,
H. W. Wood,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, F. J. Calkins, H. Montgomery, S. H. Porterfield, M. DeVoist, Frank Brace, J. R. Garnett, D. P. Morse, C. H. Lee.

3. Who are admitted on trial? George A. Hosmer, R. E. Crouch, Amos Bruff.

4. Who remain on trial? M. G. Powell, A. Thomas, A. Potbury, T. J. Selman, G. I. Chalker.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. Barns.
6. Who are the deacons? W. J. Jackson, W. E. Hosmer, E. B. Call, F. L. Crandall, H. L. Yakes, H. Barns, R. R. Haight.
7. None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. A. Spencer, F. E. Crippen, M. L. Bovee, M. Cuthbert, M. G. Powell, William Runley.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? S. Johnson, J. W. Currier, D. C. Embury, J. P. Burdett, E. D. Hartley, S. Reed, A. Tice, I. Mudge.
- 11, 12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? W. H. Haight, to the West Canada conference; H. Montgomery, to the Michigan conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? C. H. Sage, W. S. Haight.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? E. D. Hartley, \$100; James Burdett, \$45; I. Mudge, \$50; D. C. Embury, \$50; S. Reed, \$50; Maggie Sage, \$100; S. Johnson, \$90; J. W. Currier, \$50; A. Tice, \$100; Maggie Davis, \$60.
- 22, 23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? In connection with a camp-meeting, not earlier than the third Wednesday in August, and not later than the first Wednesday in September, 1909. The place was left to the district elders.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fifth session of the conference was held in the Methodist Episcopal church in Memphis, Michigan, September 2-5, 1908.

Bishop Burton R. Jones presided to the entire satisfaction of all and conducted the business with precision and dispatch. He was much blest and helped of the Lord in preaching the word.

Rev. J. P. Brodhead was present and introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat. He conducted two very profitable and instructive missionary meetings. Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, and Rev. J. F. Harrison, resident pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

The general missionary board was requested to appropriate \$25 to the Walker and LeGrand circuit, \$40 to the Wolverine circuit and \$40 to Harbor Beach and Delaware circuit.

A. E. Warren, M. DeVoist, H. Voorhess, D. C. Morse, Charles Lynk were made a committee to secure a conference camp-ground.

Twenty cents a member was ordered raised for Home Missions, out of which the following appropriations were made: Bay City district elder, \$50; Harbor Beach, \$20; Kimball and Avoca, \$20; Clio and Flushing, \$20; For

est and Lennon, \$20; Brandon and Oxford, \$20; Alamando, \$20; Aranac and Maple Grove, \$20; Lupton and Sage, \$20.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the fair and impartial manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the conference; to the secretaries and treasurer for their labors, and to the pastors of the Free Methodist and Methodist Episcopal churches and the citizens of Memphis for their kindness and hospitality.

## APPOINTMENTS

### ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—M. DEVOIST, District Elder

St. Johns and South Ovid.....Marshall Hoyt  
 Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....J. N. Wilson  
 Ithaca, North Star and Sickles.....Otis Gorden, supply  
 Racy, Fergus and Brant.....William Mowery, supply  
 Durand and Gaines.....W. H. Iles  
 Owosso and Corunna.....B. F. Doolittle  
 New Haven.....M. Haller, Lana D. Haller, supply  
 Lennon and Forest.....Charles Briggs, supply  
 Locke and Perry.....E. B. Call  
 Williamston, Webberville and Dansville...A. E. Warren, Burt Case, supply  
 South Lyon and Silver Lake.....M. E. Howard  
 Porter, Bethany and Wheeler.....H. L. Yakes  
 Livingston.....W. S. Mulholland, supply

J. A. Spencer, supernumerary; C. D. Hoadley, left without an appointment; S. Johnson, J. W. Currier, superannuated; W. H. Haight, granted a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; A. D. Warren, supplying work at Spring Arbor.

### FLINT DISTRICT—F. J. CALKINS, District Elder

Flint and Genesee.....H. Voorhess  
 West Flint, Linden and Swartz Creek.....R. R. Haight  
 Davison and Goodrich.....R. Parker, supply  
 Clio and Flushing.....Martha Cantley, supply  
 Otisville.....N. M. Cooke  
 Montrose and Hazleton.....Bion Voorhess  
 Germany and Holly.....George Hosmer  
 Brandon and Oxford.....J. F. Wilkinson, supply  
 Amy and Pontiac.....W. E. Hosmer  
 Washington, Ray and Bruce.....J. H. McMillen  
 Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....R. E. Crouch  
 Saginaw.....W. J. Hallead

H. Montgomery, granted a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer; F. E. Crippen, M. L. Bovee, M. Cuthbert, supernumerary; S. C. Bartlett, evangelist.

### BAY CITY DISTRICT—W. W. HOYT, District Elder

Bay City.....A. J. Stevens  
 Bay City, West Side .....To be supplied  
 Alamando and Crow schoolhouse.....L. Mudge  
 Fraser, Kawkawlin and Garfield.....Amos Bruff  
 Aranac, Maple Grove and Whitefeather.....William Knight, supply  
 Moors Junction.....To be supplied  
 Gladwin and New Sanalac.....A. S. Stambaugh  
 Highwood, Mt. Forest and Arbutus.....George Southwell, supply  
 Maple Ridge and Melita.....A. Potbury  
 West Branch, Campbells Corners and Edwards.....E. Wright



Pinconning Indian Mission.....	William Henry
Frost Lake Indian Mission.....	To be supplied
Rose City .....	W. G. Roe
Lupton, South Branch and Sage.....	N. White, supply
Alpena and Long Lake.....	G. I. Chalker
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt.....	T. J. Selman
Walker, Le Grand and Wolverine.....	L. W. Austin, supply
Mikado.....	To be supplied

M. G. Powell, William Rumley, supernumerary; D. C. Embury, J. P. Burdett, E. D. Hartley, S. J. Reed, A. Tice, superannuated.

#### PORT HURON DISTRICT—S. H. PORTERFIELD, District Elder

Port Huron.....	Maggie J. Sage, supply
Marine City and China.....	To be supplied
Kimball and Avoca.....	H. Barnard
Memphis.....	W. J. Jackson
Yale and Balt.....	C. E. Caswell, Vinnie Caswell, supply
Sandusky.....	H. Barns, C. McCallum, supply
Snover and Argyle.....	F. S. Crandall
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....	B. Augsburg, supply
Uby, Bad Axe and Mead.....	A. E. Thomas
Wilmont and Evergreen.....	E. Willerton, supply
Caro and Akron.....	H. C. Hammond, supply
Mayville and Rich.....	J. Anderson, supply
Burnside and Mayfield.....	George Bartle, supply

I. Mudge, superannuated.

### LOCAL DEACONS

Robert Parker.....	Davison, Michigan	A. Yates, M. D., Washington, Michigan
E. H. Punches.....	Linden, "	George Bartle...Shabona, "
D. P. Morse.....	Sandusky, "	John Anderson...Mayville, "
William Knight.		

### CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lucy M. Bovee....	Otesville, Michigan	Moses Smith, R. F. D., West Branch, Michigan
Jane Wilson.....	Elsie, "	Eunice Doolittle...Owosso, Michigan
Vinnie Caswell .....	Yale, "	Maggie J. Sage, Port Huron, "
Emma L. Brown,		
Martha Cantley,		

### LOCAL PREACHERS

J. W. Wood.....	Durand, Michigan	Henry Hammond.....	Caro, Michigan
Levi Richards .....	Owosso, "	J. Upper .....	Otisville, "
Otis Gordon .....	Ithaca, "	L. J. Stiles.....	Rushton, "
Thomas Jinkenson, Owosso,		Robert Hall .....	Burt, "
Elias Roberts, R. F. D., Lapeer,		E. Wright...West Branch,	"
Michigan		J. Burnham, 787 Bay street, Saginaw,	
J. King, 1710 Lyon street, Port Huron,	Michigan	J. Moore, R. D. 2, Smith Creek,	
Bert Augsburg, Harbor Beach, Michigan		William Essery ....	Snover, Michigan
John Tyrell.....	Snover, Michigan	E. Willerton .....	Shabona, "
Andrew Tyrell.....	Snover, "	C. H. Babcock....	Gladwin, "
William Reid....	Bad Axe, "	George Southworth, Gladwin, Michigan	
R. H. McClure...Gladwin,	"	Victor Ransbury,	
D. A. Vanatta.....	Alpena, "		

## LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Barbara Hauber.....Flint, Michigan Florence E. Haight, Flint, Michigan  
 Mrs. J. O. Neil....Bad Axe, " , Cornelia Bensinger, Bad Axe, Mich-  
 Janey Spencer igan

## TREASURER'S REPORT

All claims paid in as follows:

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$719.60.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$323.82.

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$269.85.

CHURCH EXTENSION—\$179.90.

PERMANENT FUND—\$89.95.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$191.62.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$18.21.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$12.15.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$359.80.

M. L. BOVEE, Treasurer.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your committee on Church Literature submits the following report:

We believe the press to be one of the most powerful agencies in the world for the molding of character and determining the destiny for this life and the life which is to come. It would be impossible to measure the depth of influence the literature of a nation has in shaping its history. We are safe in saying that the press is the greatest human agency in directing the life, morals, peace and prosperity of the nation.

It is said that a man is known by the company he keeps; and he is more truly known by the books he reads. Our company may at times be forced upon us, but the books are of our own choosing.

The character of a child is moulded and its future largely directed by what it reads. Its inquiring mind is reaching out after knowledge and it will read something. This early reading will greatly influence the course of its life.

How important then that we have good books and periodicals in the home for the use of our children. The world is filled with trash, and we need to exercise great care with regard to what we allow to enter our homes and have a place in our library and on our center table.

We should remember that these things produce the moral fibre and tissue of our children and their whole lives will be directed by it. Many in buying books and subscribing for papers get what they know is not the best because they are cheap. But a poor or unsound book or paper is dear at any price. Better a thousand times buy cheap foul seed to use on the farm than to sow dangerous principles and unsound doctrines in the minds of our families. In what we read let us have the best regardless of price.

We are glad to note that our publishing house has books of the highest quality and at reasonable prices. Good soul inspiring, uplifting books are sold at a price within the easy reach of all. Many of these books have been written by our own people and lead the mind along the line of the principles advocated by the Free Methodist church.

Besides the many useful books, we have a fine list of periodicals, chief among them being the *Free Methodist*, a sixteen page weekly, published at a price within the easy reach of all. We believe that this paper stands out in the religious world to-day without a peer as an exponent of practical Bible holiness and champion of moral reform. This paper should make its regular weekly visit to every Free Methodist home in the land, and where its perusal will be a blessing to every member of the family. We note with ad-

miration our clean, wholesome Sunday-school papers and lesson helps which are a great inspiration and means of success in our Sunday-school work. We are enlightened and encouraged along missionary lines by the *Missionary Tidings*; and of city mission work by *The Olive Branch*, all of which we endorse and heartily commend to the confidence of our people.

We trust that our church literature may continue to be of a nature to help to keep us from the rocks of disaster and direct us continually in the clear channel of the divine will and blessing, so that, as a church, we will maintain our position in the van of those who are spreading scriptural holiness throughout the world.

## II.—ON MEMOIRS.

We are by passing events in the onward march of life frequently reminded of the fact of man's mortality. Somewhere every day the funeral dirge is sung and weeping friends follow the remains of loved ones to their last resting place.

Ever and anon the death messenger comes nearer to us and the circle of dearest friends and nearest companionships is broken. One of the dearest bonds of association in this life is the one of love and fellowship that binds together the Christian ministers. During the past year this circle has been invaded and from our number two venerable fathers have been taken, Revs. Charles H. Sage and Walter S. Haight.

Although these brethren were well advanced in years and have not been as active in the work as formerly, yet we will miss their clear, victorious testimonies, godly counsel and fatherly advice. While we mourn, it is not as those without hope, for their lives have not closed in defeat and disaster, but as mighty conquerors they have finished their course with joy and have entered into eternal triumph. Each of these brethren have left a faithful wife and children, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy; and in our prayers commend them to the infinite mercies and tender compassion of Him who regards the sparrow's fall, who in this bereavement will support them as no one but God can.

We recommend that a memorial service be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and that several who are best acquainted with the deceased be selected to make a few fitting remarks.

## III.—ON REFORMS.

As a church we were raised up to spread scriptural holiness over these lands; and as a professed holy people we stand opposed to all that is not holy. Along the line of reforms as a church we are the foremost, and as such are opposed to the customs and spirit of the world. As holiness antagonizes every unholy thing, so we as a holy people should antagonize all the evils which surround us.

Especially do we call the attention of our people to the question of dress and ask them to dress in a neat, plain and respectable manner and especially urge the sisters to refrain from wearing too thin waists that show parts of the body and the disrespectable fad of wearing short sleeves and low-necked dresses which are a disgrace to our civilized nation. We also urge our people not to wear gold-bowed glasses.

We see the coming doom of the liquor traffic, and hail it with delight; but there is much yet to be done. Hell's forces are on the field, and we must act and act right. We must push this battle, and as a conference stand solid for prohibition. We have no sympathy for any political party that does not stand for the prohibition of the curse; and do not see how a man can be a Bible Christian and fail to oppose with voice and vote this infernal evil.

We still stand opposed to secret orders of every description, and our position is one of firm but uncompromising hostility to all secret, oath-bound organizations.

We also lament the increasing desecration of the Sabbath, and as a people oppose all unnecessary work of every kind on Sunday; also Sunday visiting and taking or reading Sunday newspapers. We should use our influence to secure legislation against Sunday excursion trains and the open theater, etc.

We also believe there is need of reform among us as Free Methodists. This is an age of shams; and there is much sham holiness preached and professed by thousands around us. Holiness is fast becoming a fad in the so-called Christian world, but not true Bible holiness. Holiness, or entire sanctification, as a second work of grace is our leading issue as a church. We see among our people a tendency to neglect this blessed experience, and there are many who, when they joined the church, professed the experience or promised to seek until they obtained it, who have lost it and do not earnestly seek to regain it; or have not kept their vow to seek until they obtain it, and are settled into a comfortable, lukewarm profession of religion. This is alarming, and if it continues to increase we shall soon as a church have but a form without the power, a name to live and be dead. We therefore urge our preachers to push the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification both in private and in public more earnestly than we have before and show the people they must go on to this experience, or be damned.

There seems to be a growing irreverence among our children and young people for the house of God. Our meetings are often disturbed by the children of our own members. To remedy this we suggest that the preachers urge our people to insist on having their children sit in the pew with their parents during worship and not let them sit together in the back pews to play and disturb the meeting as is too often the case. Let us see to it that our children reverence the family altar.

Our prayer and class meetings are too sparsely attended. There is too little burden for souls and too little love for the lost. If we are what we ought to be a revival spirit will prevail on every circuit, our borders will be enlarged, our Zion strengthened.

In 1904 we had as a conference a membership of 1,746 and 271 probationers; in 1907 we numbered but 1,799 and 189 probationers; practically no increase. Is not this cause for alarm?

Brethren, something must be done or our candlestick will be removed from its place. Let us this coming year go to our closets and to our knees and let us stay there until we prevail with God for a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost on preachers and people, until sinners shall enquire, "What shall we do?"

#### IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday-schools respectfully submit the following report:

We know that it is no easy task to say anything new upon the subject. But when we consider its importance it certainly appears that something ought to be said.

The importance of Sunday-school work lies, first, in the worth of our children. Who can tell the value of one of these precious jewels—these souls for whom Jesus died? We might be offered mountains of gold for just one but would look upon it with scorn. Ofttimes we have counted ease, comfort, time, money, effort, aye, even life itself, as nothing for their sakes. And yet do we not neglect those things that make for their salvation and hold too lightly the means we ought to use with the greatest diligence to bring them to God?

The importance of the Sunday-school appears again from the impressionable nature of a child. They will take their education largely from actions, scenes, which surround them, all have a part in forming the character. The child may be made a saint or a devil by the training it receives. God recognized this fact when He commanded the Israelites to diligently teach His commandments to their children.

Again, we see the great need of the Sunday-school in order to counteract the influence of false teaching, and also to fill the vacancy in the curriculum of the secular schools. These aim to develop the intellect alone, thus being altogether one-sided in their scope. Many children have no religious instruction anywhere. If they can be brought into the Sunday-school, that lack will be supplied at least in part.

The importance of good, properly conducted Sunday-schools is evident to those who are aware of the character of many schools around us; the worldliness, the unscriptural methods used, the many unsaved teachers employed. These and others things we may mention make the modern Sunday-school partake too much of the character of the modern church. We are ready to affirm that we as a people do not sense the real worth of the Sunday-school. If it were appreciated as it should be and patronized accordingly, it would certainly be a power for good in the education and salvation of our own and our neighbors' children.

How do we know that Free Methodists do not sense the real worth of the Sunday-school? Many do not attend. Does not that prove something? It is a sad sight indeed to us to see Free Methodists who have precious children for whose temporal, spiritual and eternal welfare they are responsible to a large extent lying around home during the Sunday-school hour, and then come to the other services and shout loud and long and tell how they love God and enjoy holiness. As a usual thing such parents try to send their children to the Sunday-school, but that only lasts while the children are small. Such conduct is certainly wrong. We ought to attend and take our children with us. While the Sunday-school is intended mainly for children, it ought to not to be left to them and a few consecrated souls who teach them.

The relation of the Sunday-school to the church should not be forgotten. It is not to be what the worldly young people's societies are to the modern church, mere channels through which the young are brought into church membership. But it should be regarded as a part of the church, not a mere appendage, in which the young especially are indoctrinated and brought, by the influence of the Word and Spirit of God, into vital contact with Jesus the Christ.

Then we fear that we do not see the need of the Holy Spirit's presence and help in the Sunday-school as we do in the other services of the church. May we not and should we not have such outpourings of the Spirit in our Sunday-schools as will bring revival power and effects? The ultimate aim should be to have the children saved. This is the effect of truth believed and embraced.

We desire to call attention to the important item of Sunday-school literature. We have the best the world produces. Young people will read something. Get the best for them. We freely recommend that put out by our publishing house. We call attention too to those parts of our Discipline which treat of the religious instruction of children and the Sunday-school. This is for our preachers. Do we not neglect our duty in these things?

Those modern expedients to interest and profit the people such as the Home Department, the Cradle Roll and others need not be feared because they are new. "He that winneth souls is wise." Wisdom adopts any legitimate means and sanctifies it by prayer and devotion to the desired end. God help us to make a forward, aggressive movement to improve our Sunday-schools and bring our children to God. The trumpet is in our hands. Let us sound it forth to our membership, a duty call to more diligent service in behalf of the young. God speed our Sunday-school work!





## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

## PORT HURON AND BAY CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
PORT HURON DISTRICT																											
S. H. Porterfield, District Elder.																											
Port Huron Mission.....	11	9	17	1	1	1	16	23	4	3 20	1 44	1 60	1 20	80	.....	\$ 7 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. B. Hall.....	33	1	34	1	1	2	16	125	13	12 40	5 58	6 20	4 65	3 10	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Uby, Bad Axe and Meade.....	37	4	41	1	3	2	14	60	10	14 80	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Harrison and Mayfield.....	20	3	23	1	1	1	7	40	9	8 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Rubside Beach and Delaware.....	32	1	33	1	1	1	7	45	8	15 00	6 84	6 60	5 70	3 80	.....	3 10	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Harbor Beach and Argyle.....	54	2	56	3	3	3	24	125	8	11 20	9 54	10 60	7 95	5 30	.....	2 00	16 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Snover and Argyle.....	46	2	48	3	3	3	10	60	6	18 48	8 22	9 20	6 90	4 60	.....	10 20	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wilnot and Evergreen.....	44	5	49	1	2	2	20	110	11	7 60	7 32	8 80	6 60	4 40	.....	1 05	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
China and Richmond.....	29	1	30	1	1	1	7	20	3	3 00	4 00	4 00	3 88	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
China and Marine City.....	20	1	21	1	1	1	6	30	3	6 00	4 00	4 00	3 88	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Cimball and Avoka.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	6	30	3	6 00	3 06	3 40	2 55	1 70	.....	8 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mayville and Rich.....	23	6	29	1	1	1	9	35	6	6 80	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	76 00	47 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sandusky.....	41	3	44	1	1	3	22	250	6	7 20	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
BAY CITY DISTRICT																											
M. DeVolst, District Elder.																											
Bay City.....	34	1	35	1	1	1	8	50	4	15 80	6 56	7 40	5 30	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wilson, Reburn and Spratt.....	37	1	38	1	1	3	14	60	4	13 60	6 12	6 80	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Alpena and Long Lake.....	35	4	39	2	2	2	9	23	5	11 20	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Waser, Kawawlin, North Williams.....	34	14	48	2	4	4	31	150	4	13 20	5 34	6 00	4 95	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
West Branch, Edwards, etc.....	38	4	42	2	2	2	27	120	5	13 80	6 40	7 00	5 30	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Rocky and New Sanilac.....	56	16	72	4	3	3	22	136	7	20 00	8 70	9 00	6 75	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Gladden and Maple Grove.....	55	16	71	4	3	3	22	136	7	20 00	8 70	9 00	6 75	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Arandish and Moore's Junction.....	22	25	47	1	1	1	10	40	3	8 60	4 30	4 80	3 75	2 50	.....	6 25	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Walker and Leg ande.....	16	12	28	1	1	1	6	20	3	9 60	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lupton, South Branch and Sage.....	23	6	29	1	1	1	8	18	1	3 60	1 46	1 80	1 95	3 90	.....	3 57	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
West Bay City.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	5	16	2	7 20	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	3 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Alpena and Crow school house.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	5	16	2	7 20	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mikado and Ausable.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	5	25	2	10 40	4 63	5 30	2 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Olverine.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	25	2	10 40	4 63	5 30	2 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mount Pleasant and Hichwood.....	20	1	21	1	1	1	15	100	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Maple Edge and Melita.....	50	1	51	1	1	2	17	19	6	23 20	10 44	11 60	8 70	5 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	1866	206	2061	46	17	92	652	3236	156	\$ 635 50	\$ 322 14	\$ 300 55	\$ 280 49	\$ 173 02	.....	\$ 308 52	\$ 583 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT												
Owosso and Coruna.....			\$ 38 00	\$ 1 10	\$ 203 00	\$ 72	\$ 36 00		2	\$ 2000	1	\$ 800
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....			52 00	2 75	400 00	66	52 00		3	2500	1	800
Ithaca and North Star.....		\$ 1 55	15 00	90	328 58	60	24 00		3	1700	1	750
New Haven and Lennon.....			20 80	1 60	325 00	60	40 00	\$ 12 00	3	3500	1	1000
Williamston, Webberville, etc.			40 00	1 80	525 00	100	36 00		2	5000	1	2000
Lock and Perry.....			65 93	4 45	518 92	50	78 00		2	4000	1	600
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	\$ 50	50	18 37	90	277 67	60	24 00		2	1500	1	700
St. Johns and South Ovid.....			30 00	1 60	250 00	96	36 00		2	4500	1	1000
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler.....		4 37	49 88	3 30	330 12	25	50 00	25 00	3	2100	1	600
Livingston.....			31 26	2 71	385 00	40	52 00		1	1200	1	800
Durand and Gains.....	1 63		1 20	274 08	100	32 00		15 00	2	2500	1	1000
Racy, Fergus and Brant.....	1 43		39 30	2 15	420 00	48	32 00	4 00	4	1000	1	725
FLINT DISTRICT												
Flint and Genesee.....	6 00	8 50	52 35	2 47	463 13	148	63 00		2	3800	1	2000
Otseville.....	1 02	3 12	27 50	3 10	400 00	60	54 00	1 28	1	1000	1	800
Amy and Pontiac.....	89		24 17	1 50	337 63	60	48 00	2 00	1	1000	1	500
Clio and Flushing.....			6 00	1 00	170 00	48	28 00		2	1500		
Brandon and Oxford.....			15 66	90	111 71		25 00		1	1000		
Montrose and Hazelton.....	42	2 16	29 00	2 30	352 00	50	34 00	20 00	2	2000	1	500
Germany.....			21 00	1 30	463 00	36	34 00		1	1000	1	900
Saginaw.....			32 00	1 55	350 00	120	32 00		1	3000	1	2000
West Flint, Linden, etc.....	6 56		26 30	2 10	400 00	48	50 00		3	2400	1	500
Washington, Ray and Bruce.....			20 00				50 00		2	2000		
Davison and Goodrich.....			10 00	1 45	255 00	92	48 00		2	1400	1	900
Holly.....			7 00	25	41 81		10 00		1	800		
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....				1 75	275 64	50	42 00		1	1200	1	600
PORT HURON DISTRICT												
Port Huron Mission.....			22 11	40	186 16		23 00	7 15	1	2000	1	600
Yale and Ball.....		1 48	35 35	1 55	850 00	75	46 00		2	2000	1	1000
Uby, Bad Axe and Meade.....		2 17	24 00	1 85	300 00	72	44 00		2	1800	1	800
Burnside and Mayfield.....		1 38	12 50	1 00	265 45	25	28 00	7 75	1	800		
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....			17 53	1 90	323 98	84	38 00	17 00	2	2100	1	700
Snover and Argyle.....	1 35	1 00	20 00	2 30	315 00	50	48 00		2	1600	1	800
Wilmot and Evergreen.....			40 00	2 65	315 00	50	48 00		2	1600	1	800
Memphis and Richmond.....		1 05	40 00	2 20	441 63	48	51 50	5 00	2	1600	1	800
China and Marine City.....			16 00				24 00		1	2000	1	400
Kimball and Avoka.....				1 40	250 60	24	25 00		2	600	1	325
Caro and Akron.....			6 50	85	226 07	25	24 00		1	1800	1	100
Mayville and Rich.....			18 98	90	350 00	48	34 06		2	1500	1	500
Sandusky.....			67 00	2 30	225 00	36	44 00		3	2800	1	500
BAY CITY DISTRICT												
Bay City.....			47 56	1 70	350 00	72	40 00		1	2000	1	500
Wilson, Reyburn and Spratt.....			13 00		400 00		42 00		2	2100	1	600
Alpena and Long Lake.....			31 86	1 40	345 87	84	34 00		1	900	1	700
Fraser, Kawkawlin, N. Williams			30 00	1 65	300 00	60	37 00		2	2000	1	500
West Branch, Edwards, etc.....			32 00	1 65	334 50	84	36 00		2	1500	1	600
Rose City.....			42 00	2 25	281 32	72	42 00		1	2000	1	500
Gladwin and New Sault.....		80	57 08	2 50	350 00	50	37 00		2	1925	1	500
Aratac and Maple Grove.....			21 24	1 50	117 13		30 00		1	500		
Standish and Moore's Junction.			5 00	1 20	216 83	4	22 00	9 00	1	350	1	250
Walker and Legrand.....	69	69	10 81	45	139 36	25	20 00	4 00	1		1	200
Lupton, South Branch, Sage.....			14 70	1 20	217 90	48	24 00		1	100	1	500
West Bay City.....			17 37	90	116 19	60	22 00		1	1600	1	1400
Alamando, Crow school house.			9 00		234 75	50	24 00		1	500	1	500
Mikado and Ausable.....				10								
Wolverine.....					55 00		11 05					
Mount Forest and Highwood.....			22 44		26 76		11 44					
Maple Ridge and Melita.....			35 00	2 90	333 13	50	42 00		2	2000	1	400
Total.....	\$18 45	\$28 57	\$1309 15	\$82 83	14681 18	2631	1390 99	\$ 133 08	88	\$ 90775 46	\$35350	

# WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT SARNIA,  
ONTARIO, SEPTEMBER 2-5, 1908

## OFFICERS

DAVID S. WARNER, *President*

M. S. BENN, *Secretary*

J. M. EAGLE, *Assistant Secretary*

T. A. DRURY, *Treasurer*

M. S. BENN, *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—David S. Warner, J. M. Eagle, T. A. Drury, W. A. Brown.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—David S. Warner, J. M. Eagle, M. S. Benn, D. Allan, Rufus Stewart, T. S. Moorhouse.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. A. Fletcher, W. A. Brown, William Hoffman, L. H. Iles, T. A. Drury.

*On Publications*—T. A. Drury, D. Allan, W. A. Brown.

*On Sabbath-schools*—H. G. Kent, J. H. Winter, A. Carter.

*On Education*—J. M. Eagle, M. S. Benn, C. Swartz.

*On Reforms*—B. E. Stevenson, J. H. Roberts, N. McGugan.

*On State of the Work*—The district elders.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—T. L. Fletcher.

*On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, M. S. Benn.

*To Co-operate with Other Conferences in view of a Semi-centennial Gathering*—S. Rogers, T. A. Drury.

*On Evangelists' Benefit Fund*—T. A. Drury, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, M. S. Benn.

*To Receive and Disburse Contingent Fund*—J. M. Eagle, T. A. Drury, W. A. Brown.

*To Settle with Claimants*—T. A. Drury.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Publications*—William Hoffman.

*On Reforms*—S. Rogers.

*On Sabbath-schools*—M. S. Benn.

*On Education*—L. H. Iles.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

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J. M. Eagle, president; M. S. Benn, secretary; T. A. Drury, treasurer; Henry Mellor, Rufus Stewart.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries, General Missions; second quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Contingent Fund (20 cents), Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Evangelists' Benefit Fund (free-will offering).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Agnes Benn, president, Galt, Ontario; Mrs. Mary Rogers, first vice-president, Welland, Ontario; Mrs. Hannah Eagle, second vice-president, 293 Maxwell street, Sarnia, Ontario; Mrs. Eliza Fletcher, corresponding and recording secretary, Galt, Ontario; Miss Alice Walls, treasurer, Binbrook, Ontario; Mrs. Agnes Benn, superintendent of Junior Work; Miss Edith Stevenson, tract agent, Arkona, Ontario.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

J. M. Eagle.  
T. A. Drury.  
L. H. Iles.  
R. A. Coates.  
H. C. Freemantle,  
William Hoffman.

M. S. Benn.  
S. Rogers.  
M. O. Coates.  
J. H. Winter.  
J. H. Roberts.  
B. E. Stevenson.

D. Allan.  
T. L. Fletcher.  
E. E. Loveless.  
J. A. Fletcher.  
H. G. Kent.

## DELEGATES

Edith Stevenson.  
Thomas Fralick,  
Samuel Baxter.  
James Robinson,  
Walter Sandison.  
Elam Moore,  
Rufus Stéwart,  
Dinah F. Mellor.

Polly Merritt,  
Alfred Carter,  
W. A. Brown.  
Neil McGugan.  
Clark Swartz,  
William Miller.  
William Palmer,  
Mrs. L. H. Iles.

Mary Fader.  
Della Jansen,  
Harriet E. Sheldon.  
Mary Rogers,  
Alexander Vallier,  
Catherine Scott,  
T. S. Moorhouse.

2. Who are the stationing committee? David S. Warner, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, M. S. Benn, T. S. Moorhouse, Rufus Stewart, Alexander Vallier.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. T. Abrams, W. J. Cowherd, C. Fader.

4. Who remain on trial? D. Toole, J. E. Ayre, J. W. Winans, R. Slingerland, D. H. McCallum, E. A. Demill.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? M. O. Coates, R. A. Coates, E. E. Loveless, J. H. Winter, J. A. Fletcher, H. C. Freemantle, J. H. Roberts, B. E. Stevenson, H. G. Kent.

7. S. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. C. Freemantle, R. A. Coates.



- 10, 11, 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Forty-five dollars.
23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Brantford, Ontario, as near the first week in September, 1909, as will harmonize with the plans of the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirteenth annual session of the West Ontario conference convened in Sarnia, Ontario, September 2-5, 1908. Five harmonious sittings were held, over which Rev. David S. Warner presided with general acceptability. His sermons and addresses were instructive and inspiring.

We were favored with the presence of General Conference Evangelist C. W. Stamp and wife, whose preaching and exhortations were animating. Rev. R. E. Raycraft, principal of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, was on hand to represent the educational interests of that institution. All were pleased to welcome Rev. W. B. Olmstead, who represented the publishing house and Spring Arbor Seminary, gave an address relative to Sunday-school work and preached once with power.

A spiritual and profitable missionary meeting was held by Rev. J. P. Brodhead and an offering of nearly one hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions was taken.

## APPOINTMENTS

### HAMILTON DISTRICT—M. S. BENN, District Elder, Galt, Ontario

Hamilton.....	Matilda Sipprell and Martha Mullen, supplies,	
.....	33 King William street, Hamilton,	Ontario
Hannon.....	T. L. Fletcher, Hannon,	"
Kimbo and Calston Center.....	J. A. Hamilton, supply, Kimbo,	"
Canboro, Attercliffe and Montayne.....	J. H. Roberts, Canboro,	"
Ridgeway and Sherkston.....	E. A. Demill, Ridgeway,	"
Niagara Falls.....	J. H. Winters, Niagara Falls,	"
Welland and Wainfleet.....	S. Rogers, Welland,	"
Fort Erie.....	J. W. Peach, supply, Fort Erie,	"

### BRANTFORD DISTRICT—M. S. BENN, District Elder

Brantford.....	D. Allan, 14 Buffalo street, Brantford,	Ontario
Kelvin and Norwich.....	Laura J. Coleman, Mabel Pett, supplies, Kelvin,	"
Galt and Hespeler.....	J. A. Fletcher, Galt,	"
Meaford.....	D. Toole, Meaford,	"
Ancaster.....	E. E. Loveless, Southcote,	"

M. S. Benn, member of the Brantford district quarterly conference; R. Slingerland, left without an appointment to attend school; R. A. Coates, superannuated.

SARNIA DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder, 293 Maxwell street,  
Sarnia, Ontario

Sarnia.....	T. A. Drury, 279 Maxwell street, Sarnia, Ontario	
Thedford, Sharon and Grand Bend.....	H. G. Kent, Thedford,	"
Terminus, Tenth, Thornyhurst and Bickford.....		"
.....	J. H. Stewart, supply, Wilksport,	"
Zion and Oakdale.....	J. S. Clink, Beaver Meadow,	"
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe and Ousley.....	George Evans, supply, Oakdale,	"
Charlemont.....	M. O. Coates, Tupperville,	"
Middlemiss.....		To be supplied
Comber and Tilbury.....		"
.....	Effie Cowherd, supply, one to be supplied, Comber,	"

J. M. Eagle, member of the Sarnia district quarterly conference; H. C. Freemantle, supernumerary.

TILSONBURG DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder

Tilsonburg and Ebenezer.....	J. T. Abrams, Tilsonburg, Ontario	
Houghton and Bayham.....	William Hoffman, Beach Lane,	"
Marston.....	J. E. Ayre, Marston,	"
Walsingham Center and Jericho.....		"
.....	G. W. Freeman, supply, Walsingham Center,	"
Port Rowan and Port Royal.....	D. H. McCallum, Port Rowan,	"
J. W. Winans, missionary to Santo Domingo.		

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—L. H. ILES, District Elder, Marksville,  
Ontario

Fort William, Port Arthur and Hymers.....		
.....	C. Fader, one to be supplied, Hymers,	Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie.....	B. E. Stevenson, Sault Ste. Marie,	"
Island Center and Richard's Landing.....		"
.....	W. J. Cowherd, Richard's Landing, St. Joseph Island,	"
Marksville and T. Line.....	L. H. Iles, Marksville, St. Joseph Island,	"

[After conference, owing to ill health, J. H. Winter resigned his circuit; therefore Niagara Falls is to be supplied.]

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON EDUCATION.

Ever since Elijah was president of Israel's Theological Seminary, education has had a place in the economy of human advancement, and long before Elijah's time a certain pair lost their birthright by a misdirected effort to acquire knowledge. Since then a similar disposition has possessed men leading to manifold results.

That a college education is desirable, and one of the accomplishments of man, we admit: that it is indispensably necessary and always makes a man more useful, we deny. Man may have a large fund of fine sense, but if he lacks common sense he is like a ship without a rudder. Franklin, Sherman and others emerged from a workshop and illuminated the world as brightly as the most profound scholar from a college. By a proper improvement of time, in this enlightened age, and in our free country, all who will may lay in a stock of knowledge that will enable him when he arrives at manhood to take a respectable stand by the side of those who have grown up in the full blaze of a collegiate education.

Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term of education. As Daniel Webster says, "The feelings are to be disciplined, the

passions are to be restrained, true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances—all this is comprised in education."

This being the case how very unsafe to send our boys and girls to many of our high schools, colleges and universities of our fair land, where too often the precious doctrines that have been the salvation of millions are laughed to scorn; experimental and practical piety is ignored; scepticism is at a premium, and faith at a discount.

Surely the time is not far distant when we as a conference will have home facilities for acquiring an education without the objectionable features mentioned above. Until such times we would recommend the patronage of the schools already established in our sister conferences, "over the lines," where they train for character; for as one has said, "It is no advantage to know much, unless he lives according to what he knows, for knowledge has no other end than goodness; and he who is made good is in possession of a far richer treasure than he whose knowledge is the most extensive, and yet is destitute of goodness; for what the latter is seeking by his great acquirements, the former already possesses."

## II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We conclude that the printing press is one of the most powerful and active agencies in existence. It is surely one of the modern wonders of the world. Napoleon once said, "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a hundred thousand enemies."

Were the entire press used in the services of Jesus Christ, the outlook would be gloriously gratifying to the church of God; however, such is not the case, as the devil has seized upon this wonderful factor and is running it at lightning speed both day and night for the destruction of our race.

Almost numberless are the printed advertisements of impurity, such as novels, papers, indecent bulletin boards, and obscene pictures, which are with shameful persistence thrust under our nose on the cars, offered for sale in our stores, or stuck up for inspection on our thoroughfares, against all of which we raise our hands in holy horror. We would also call attention to the harmful influence of that so-called religious literature which contains theological error, or heresy, some of which are Mormonism, No-hellism, Popery, No-sectism, Dowieism, Antinomianism, and the theory of baptismal regeneration, against all of which we as a church should present a solid front.

If it is true that we inevitably become a part of what we read, we should carefully guard our homes against becoming either a dumping ground or a repository for vile, compromising, or even misleading literature, however cheap it may appear to be.

We are glad that as a church we are more than ever awake to the importance of reading, and circulating good literature, and especially our own wide-awake denominational publications, which set forth in a clear manner the principles for which we as a church contend. We would recommend the Holy Bible as the book of books, and next to that the many good books being put out by our publishing house treating upon religious and kindred subjects. The one which should stand in the forefront of every denomination is the official organ. We believe the *Free Methodist* stands first among our publications. Its constantly increasing circulation is a source of gladness and encouragement to all concerned. We would urge our ministers to endeavor to get our church paper into every family in our connection on their circuit, as we do not see how they can be intelligent Free Methodists without it. We are pleased with the temporal prosperity enjoyed by the paper since it was put on a cash basis. The *Missionary Tidings* is a welcome visitor in the homes of many of our people, but its circulation should be much larger, as it occupies an important place in our rapidly advancing foreign missionary work.

We are glad to note the purity and attractiveness of our Sunday-school publications, all of which are good in the superlative degree, and are certainly exerting an influence for good upon the Sunday-schools of our conference. Our

graded lesson helps reflect much credit upon their editors, and are, we consider, second to none.

In these days of rapidly advancing temperance sentiment, every family should take at least one good Canadian prohibition paper. We must be intelligently informed in order to use our influence with the best possible effect against the liquor traffic and kindred evils. As such a paper we would recommend, "*The Pioneer*," of Toronto, Ontario.

We rejoice that our publishing house is in so prosperous a condition. The work performed by our beloved editor and staff, and the able management of our publishing agents, meet our hearty approval, and obligates us as a conference to patronize our own publishing house in preference to all others, all things being equal.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>HAMILTON DISTRICT</b>												
Hamilton.....	\$ 9 69	\$ 35 82	\$ 80	\$ 175 80	\$ 375	\$ 48 33	\$ 7 00					
Hannon and Ancaster.....		37 67		466 71	25	123 23	39 75	2	2100	1	800	
Kimbo and Caistor Center.....		4 15		331 64		44 33		2	1500	1	500	
Canboro, Attercliffe, Montague.....		12 68	1 25	252 55		42 84	12 86	2	1500	1	800	
Ridgeway and Shirkston.....		13 67		263 87		30 22		1	3500			
Niagara Falls.....			65			29 33		1	1200			
Welland and Wainfleet.....				423 56		32 46	11 00	2	2800	1	800	
Ft. Erie.....		5 89		47 06		20 10		1	800			
<b>BRANTFORD DISTRICT</b>												
Brantford.....			30 00	1 95	411 24	100	62 03		1	3000	1	1800
Kelvin and Norwich.....			39 48	1 50	344 24	30	64 38		2	1500	1	700
Galt and Hespeler.....			27 70	1 50	322 14		74 47	87 00	1	700	1	2500
Meaford.....			5 00	50	237 00		40 60					
<b>SARNIA DISTRICT</b>												
Sarnia.....		5 35	56 74	3 20	660 78	53	71 45	5 90	1	1200	1	1800
Thedford and Sharon.....			33 83	1 50	386 88	38	39 00	5 00	1	1800	1	500
Terminus, Tenth, Thornyhurst.....			32 12	1 65	250 00	50	34 43		1	800	1	800
Zion and Oakdale.....				65	331 11		49 03		1	1000		
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe, Ousley.....				75	170 00		31 00		2	700	1	450
Grand Bend and Dashwood.....												
Charlemont.....			25 40	2 50	398 00	30	67 96		1	700	1	800
Middlemiss.....			7 35	60	34 92		23 33		1	800		
<b>TILLSONBURG DISTRICT</b>												
Tillsonburg and Ebenezer.....			7 52	1 20	195 54	24	32 59	1 15	1	550	1	400
Houghton and Brayham.....			15 98	80	224 86		31 57		2	1000		
Marston and Langton.....			11 23	90	205 34		36 00	2 00	1	1200		
Walsingham, Ft. Royal, Jericho.....	\$ 2 00		34 00		367 00	25	53 90	4 80	2	2000	1	500
<b>LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT</b>												
St. Joseph Island.....			29 83	1 90	450 00		97 36		1	900	1	1000
Ft. William and Port Arthur.....			42 00	1 05	300 00	20	119 16		1	364	1	236
Sault Ste. Marie.....			15 24	60	185 00		59 40	1 20				
McLellan.....												
<b>Total</b> .....	\$ 2 00	\$15 04	\$ 523 50	\$26 45	\$7435 24	\$773	1358 50	\$ 177 66	31	\$ 31714 16	16	\$14536

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE  
HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, SARNIA, TILSONBURG AND LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICTS

CHURCH	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions
<b>HAMILTON DISTRICT</b>																	
Hamilton	M. S. Benn, District Elder	18	5	23	1	1	6	35	6	6 40	2 88	4 00	8 40	1 60	.....	\$ 59 48	\$ 36 64
Hannon and Ancaster	M. Sippell, Flossie Teal, sup's.	42	15	57	3	1	14	65	13	10 80	4 88	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	72 32
Kimbo and Oastor Center	E. E. Loveless	23	4	27	1	1	5	20	5	11 60	5 22	7 25	3 85	2 90	.....	15 63	21 20
Canboro, Attercliffe and Montague	J. T. Abrams, supply	25	2	27	1	1	6	25	4	9 25	3 60	4 25	3 12	2 50	.....	65 00	34 83
Ridgeway and Shirsdon	J. A. Hamilton, supply	19	1	20	1	1	4	25	4	7 50	3 84	2 35	1 85	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Niagara Falls	E. A. Demill	19	3	22	1	1	6	22	1	5 50	2 80	2 35	1 85	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Wexford and Wainfleet	S. Rogers	18	1	19	1	1	6	22	1	5 50	2 80	2 35	1 85	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Ft. Erie	G. B. Teal, supply	6	6	12	1	1	4	15	1	3 20	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	.....	.....	17 00
<b>BRANTFORD DISTRICT</b>																	
Brantford	M. S. Benn, District Elder	39	4	43	1	1	7	45	10	15 60	7 02	9 75	5 35	3 90	.....	.....	48 45
Kelvin and Norwich	M. O. Coates	31	3	34	1	2	12	64	8	12 00	5 40	7 50	4 60	3 00	.....	.....	208 00
Galt and Hespeler	R. A. Coates	28	9	37	1	1	9	53	9	12 00	5 40	7 50	4 60	3 00	.....	.....	308 60
Meaford	J. H. Roberts	7	1	8	1	1	3	8	4	4 00	1 80	2 60	1 60	1 00	.....	.....	.....
<b>SARNIA DISTRICT</b>																	
Sarnia	J. M. Eagle, District Elder	62	14	76	3	1	15	120	17	25 60	11 52	16 00	9 60	6 40	.....	.....	255 36
Tedford and Sharon	T. D. Barty	41	3	44	2	2	6	45	9	12 00	5 40	7 50	4 60	3 00	.....	.....	107 44
Terminus Tenth and Thornbury	J. L. Blatter	45	4	49	2	1	14	73	5	13 20	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	.....	.....	60 00
Zion and Oakdale	H. G. Kent	35	6	41	1	2	13	20	5	13 20	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	.....	20 21	.....
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe and Ousley	J. S. Clark	13	1	14	1	1	6	22	1	5 20	2 70	2 35	1 85	1 30	.....	.....	44 90
Grand Bend and Dashwood	G. Evans, supply	52	3	55	1	1	8	60	8	20 00	9 10	12 50	7 50	5 00	.....	.....	38 80
Charlemont	Isaiah Bailey, supply	9	9	18	1	1	2	6	2	4 80	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	8 00
Middlemiss	Ernie Cowherd, Lillian Briggs, s's Mabel Pett, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>TILSONBURG DISTRICT</b>																	
Tilsonburg and Ebenezer	J. M. Eagle, District Elder	25	27	52	1	1	5	28	2	9 60	4 30	6 00	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	6 30
Wingham and Brayham	E. Ayre	16	3	19	1	1	6	30	5	6 40	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	.....	15 00	32 87
Wingham and Wainfleet	W. E. Ryan	28	34	62	1	1	5	30	5	7 40	3 24	3 90	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	38 23
Walsingham, Pt. Royal and Jericho	J. H. Winder	50	63	113	2	2	10	60	10	16 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
<b>LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT</b>																	
St. Joseph Island	D. Allan, District Elder	40	14	54	1	2	7	55	11	15 20	6 84	9 50	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	22 21
Ft. William and Port Arthur	L. H. Iles, W. J. Cowherd, sup's	26	4	30	1	3	10	68	13	8 40	3 80	5 25	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	43 00
Sault Ste. Marie	C. Fader, supply	16	2	18	1	1	5	17	2	4 80	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	2 60
McLellan	B. E. Stevenson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McLellan	D. Allan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		872	136	1008	17	12	173	922	169	\$ 269 05	\$ 121 38	\$ 159 30	\$ 102 55	\$ 67 70	.....	\$ 175 31	\$ 1138 55



# NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION. HELD AT  
MANTON, MICHIGAN, AUGUST 12-15, 1908

## OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

J. O. HINDES, *Secretary*

W. D. KINGSLEY, *Assistant Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Burton R. Jones, J. A. Watson, J. E. Sanders, D. G. Briggs, W. H. Bodine, A. G. Hartle.

*On Reforms*—D. G. Briggs, H. Rose, Ida Tyrrell.

*On Sunday-schools*—G. W. Kiffer, W. D. Kingsley, Sr., E. Phelps.

*On Secret Societies*—M. C. Eddy, A. A. York, D. McLachlan.

*On Education*—J. O. Hindes, L. C. Fletcher, Ella Hoag.

*On Publications*—J. A. Allen, S. A. Whitmore, W. Harper.

*On Temperance*—A. G. Hartle, J. A. Phillips, D. Persley.

*On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—J. B. Griswold.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. A. Phillips, J. O. Hindes, H. Rose, J. Isaman, D. Henderson.

*To Nominate Conference Committees*—The district elders.

*Auditing Committee*—H. D. F. Gaffin, W. D. Kingsley, Sr..

*On Ministerial Relations*—W. H. Bodine, H. Rose, A. A. York, J. T. Michael, George Beach, Charles Arrand.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Burton R. Jones, D. G. Briggs, J. A. Watson, D. McLachlan, G. F. Marshal.

*To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary*—C. L. Lambertson.

## ADDRESSES

C. L. Lambertson, treasurer, Sparta, Michigan.

J. A. Watson, railroad secretary, 826 N. Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; C. L. Lambertson, secretary; J. E. Sanders, treasurer; J. T. Michael, A. Kinney.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. A. Phillips, president, term expires 1911; C. L. Lambertson, secretary, term expires 1910; A. G. Hartle, term expires 1909.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Secret Societies*—H. Rose,

*On Temperance*—G. W. Kiffer,

*On Publications*—W. D. Kingsley,

*On Sabbath-schools*—H. D. F. Gaffin,

*On Reforms*—A. A. York,

*On Education*—J. E. McDonald.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE MANTON CAMP-GROUND

D. G. Briggs, Evart, Michigan; H. D. F. Gaffin, Coopersville, Michigan; A. G. Hartle, Sand Lake, Michigan; J. E. Sanders, Belding, Michigan; David Henderson, Manton, Michigan; Donald McLachlan, Evart, Michigan; J. T. Michael, Alma, Michigan. The term of office for each shall expire in 1910.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President. Sarah O. Miller, St. Louis, Michigan; first vice-president, Hattie Gaffin, Coopersville, Michigan; second vice-president, Arletta Briggs, Evart, Michigan; corresponding secretary, May Whitmore, Cadillac, Michigan; recording secretary, Bertha Kiffer, McCarron, Michigan; treasurer, Myrtle Francisco, Alma, Michigan.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

W. R. Cusick,	G. H. Joslin,	L. T. Jacokes,
D. G. Briggs,	H. D. F. Gaffin,	W. A. Caywood,
C. L. Lambertson,	C. M. DeFoe,	A. G. Hartle,
J. A. Allen,	B. W. McKibben,	S. W. Ingalls,
J. L. Hazeldine,	J. A. Hudnutt,	C. H. Harding,
W. B. Huff,	E. M. Russell,	E. Thirkettle,
S. H. Carpenter,	F. O. Wyman,	H. Toonder,
W. H. Bodine,	F. E. Stowell,	J. E. Sanders,
J. A. Watson,	W. H. Switzer,	T. Boynton,
C. A. Gallup,	C. H. Prichard,	J. N. Bearss,
M. C. Eddy,	R. E. Rayercraft,	T. M. Gallup,
E. C. Bigelow,	A. A. York,	J. B. Griswold,
G. W. Weidman,	L. C. Fletcher,	J. A. Phillips,
J. E. McDonald,	G. A. McGrath,	C. A. Glass,
H. Rose,	S. A. Whitmore,	J. O. Hinds,
W. H. James,	J. A. Linscott,	E. B. Robbins,
W. A. Miller,	C. H. Bartlett,	W. T. Sumner,
G. W. Kiffer,	W. D. Kingsley, Jr.,	A. L. Haywood,

## DELEGATES

George F. Marshal,	A. Newland,	D. McLachlan,
J. J. Hall,	Charles Arrand,	W. Harper,
W. Conner,	J. Isaman,	A. E. Smith,
C. L. Johnston,	J. H. Stonehouse,	D. Henderson,
F. Spaulding,	B. Blakely,	J. D. Gregory,
E. Brady,	O. A. Rowland,	B. Luckey,
H. Hawkins,	A. Kinney,	Ida Tyrrell,
George Beach,	E. Phelps,	Ella Hoag,
F. D. Lyon,	J. T. Michael,	Sarah Jacokes,
W. Roush,	H. E. Packard,	Hannah Arnold,
T. D. Crandall,	Hannah Heydenburg,	C. Gallup,
C. Austin,	May Whitmore,	A. Thomas,
Kittie Gallup,	B. R. DeLong,	D. Pursley,
Mary Loper,	Cora Bolton,	J. Packard,
Bertha Kiffer,	D. Sloan,	Tina Leach,
M. Dedell,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, J. A. Watson, J. E. Sanders, D. G. Briggs, W. H. Bodine, George F. Marshal, J. T. Michael, D. McLachlan, J. H. Stonehouse.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. A. Kester, W. A. Feighner, C. G. Miller.

4. Who remain on trial? J. N. Bodine, G. W. Cappy, J. R. Marston, G. H. Akin, O. A. Ide, E. F. Garter.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. D. Kingsley, Jr., A. L. Haywood.

6. Who are the deacons? H. Rose, J. A. Linscott, G. A. McGrath, E. B. Robbins, W. A. Miller, J. O. Hindes, C. H. Bartlett, H. Toonder, T. Boynton, W. D. Kingsley, Jr., A. L. Haywood.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. A. Glass, S. A. Whitmore, G. W. Kiffer.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Marston, F. O. Wyman, J. N. Bearss, O. A. Ide, J. A. Allen, J. L. Hazeldine, W. H. Switzer, C. H. Prichard, J. B. Griswold.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. R. Cusick, W. H. James, G. H. Joslin, L. T. Jacokes, B. W. McKibben, F. E. Stowell, S. H. Carpenter, E. Thirkettle,

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. D. Kingsley, Sr., to the Michigan conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. R. Cusick, \$150; Minnie Humphreys and children, \$125; Emma Hall and children, \$120; S. H. Carpenter, \$90; B. W. McKibben, \$80; Minerva Snyder, \$80; G. H. Joslin, \$50; Orpha Cope, \$40; L. T. Jacokes, \$40; Hannah Gilpin, \$20; Maria Kaufman, \$15; Margaret McLucas, \$15. Total, \$825.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Manton, Michigan, the time to be as near the middle of August, 1909, as the bishop can arrange.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third session of the North Michigan conference was held at Manton, Michigan, August 12-15, 1908.

Bishop B. R. Jones presided. The business was dispatched with grace and ability.

After the missionary service on Sunday afternoon, conducted by J. P. Brodhead, \$441.50 in cash and subscriptions was raised.

H. D. F. Gaffin was elected Sunday-school secretary. The preachers accepted their appointments cheerfully and go forth with courage and a determination to make this the best year of their lives.

## APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—A. G. HARTLE, District Elder, Sand Lake, Michigan

Grand Rapids and Zeeland.....	J. A. Watson, 826 North Union street, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville and Numea.....	S. W. Ingalls, Coopersville, "
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan.....	W. A. Feighner, Coopersville, "
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....	C. L. Lambertson, Sparta, "
Cedar Springs and Cortland.....	J. A. Hudnutt, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Moorland.....	Theodore Sharp, supply, Ravenna, "
Bradley, Gregoryville and Gun Lake.....	G. Thomas, supply, Bradley, "
Coral and Howard City.....	W. A. Caywood, Coral, "
Ensley, Town Line and Pine Grove.....	W. D. Kingsley, Jr., Sand Lake, "
Altona, Rustford and Brady Lake.....	C. G. Miller, Altona, "
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	{ J. A. Linscott, Lakeview, "
	{ Eliza Linscott, supply, "
Melbrook and Broomfield.....	E. B. Robbins, Milbrook, "

W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, E. Thirkettle, superannuated; J. R. Marston, supernumerary; E. C. Bigelow, left without appointment according to Paragraph 94 of Discipline; H. D. F. Gaffin, Sunday-school secretary.

IONIA DISTRICT—J. E. SANDERS, District Elder, Belding, Michigan

Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	C. H. Harding, Grand Ledge, Michigan
Sunfield and Shaytown.....	M. C. Eddy, Sunfield, "
Morgan, Maple Grove, Hastings and Castleton.....	O. A. Kester
Saranac and Berlin.....	Amanda Wessels, supply, Saranac, Michigan
Orleans and Belding.....	L. C. Fletcher, Orleans, "

C. M. DeFoe, supplying work in the Columbia River conference; W. H. James, F. E. Stowell, B. W. McKibben, superannuated; J. B. Griswold, J. L. Hazeldine, supernumerary; J. E. Sanders, member of the Ionia district quarterly conference.

ISABELLA DISTRICT—J. E. SANDERS, District Elder

Clare.....	J. E. McDonald, Clare, Michigan
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and Richland.....	W. T. Sumner, Mt. Pleasant, "
Alma and Burns.....	J. A. Phillips, Alma, "
St. Louis, County Line and Shepherd.....	W. A. Miller, Sarah O. Miller, supply, St. Louis, "
Elm Hall and Sumner.....	C. A. Gallup, Elm Hall, "
Sand Ridge, Fishville and Evergreen.....	W. H. Jury, supply, Crystal, "
Stanton and Westville.....	F. W. Smith, supply, Stanton, "
Greenville and Fenwick.....	G. W. Weidman, Greenville, "

J. A. Allen, supernumerary; R. E. Raycraft, principal of the A. M. Cheshbrough Seminary.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—D. G. BRIGGS, District Elder, Evart, Michigan

Big Rapids and River.....	C. A. Glass, Big Rapids, Michigan
Woodville and Barton.....	E. M. Russell, Woodville, "
Bristol and Ruckle.....	A. A. Thompson, supply, Tustin, "

Evart and Chippewa.....  
 .....G. A. McGrath, Bertha McGrath, supply, Evart, Michigan  
 Fork, Barryton and Titus.....G. H. Akin, Barryton, "  
 Rose Lake and Marion.....W. B. Huff, Leroy, "  
 Cadillac.....S. A. Whitmore, May Whitmore, supply, Cadillac, "  
 Cherry Grove and Boon.....J. O. Hindes, Boon, "  
 Harrietta, Yuma and Pomona.....To be supplied  
 Weidman and Deerfield.....W. Roush, supply, Weidman, Michigan  
 S. H. Carpenter, superannuated; C. H. Prichard, J. N. Bearss, O. A. Ide,  
 W. H. Switzer, supernumerary; W. D. Kingsley, Sr., granted a certificate of  
 good standing in view of transfer; D. G. Briggs, member of Big Rapids dis-  
 trict quarterly conference.

#### LUDINGTON DISTRICT—D. G. BRIGGS, District Elder

Ludington and Pentwater.....H. Rose, Ludington, Michigan  
 Custer, Scottville and Sugar Grove, L. H. Morrison, supply, Scottville, "  
 Walkersville, Elbridge and Hart, L. F. Wilson, supply, Walkersville, "  
 F. O. Wyman, supernumerary; T. Boynton, left without appointment ac-  
 cording to Paragraph 94 of Discipline.

#### TRAVERSE DISTRICT—W. H. BODINE, District Elder, Manton, Michigan

Manton and Greenwood.....A. A. York, Manton, Michigan  
 Lake City and Pioneer.....T. M. Gallup, Lake City, "  
 Kingsley, Beitner, Traverse City, Williamsburg and Acme.....  
 .....A. L. Haywood, Kingsley, "  
 Lodi and Kalkaska.....E. Huffman, supply, Kalkaska, "  
 Mancelona and Elmira.....G. W. Cappy, Mancelona, "  
 East Jordan, Central Lake and Boyne, C. H. Bartlett, Central Lake, "  
 Empire and Lake Ann.....Fitch Huff, supply  
 Colfax, Antioch and Mesick.....  
 .....E. F. Garter, Earl Russell, supply, Meanwataka, Michigan  
 H. Toonder, left without appointment according to Paragraph 94 of Dis-  
 cipline; W. H. Bodine, member of the Traverse district quarterly conference.

#### SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—W. H. BODINE, District Elder

Sault Ste. Marie....J. N. Bodine, 529 Court street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Hay Lake.....G. W. Kiffer, McCarron, "  
 Dafter.....B. Hicks, supply, Dafter, "  
 Drummond Island.....To be supplied

### LOCAL DEACONS

R. S. McClain,	L. J. Hazeldine,	W. G. Randles,
F. F. Flewelling,	E. A. Blodgett,	A. C. Pratt,
G. B. Havens,	L. F. Wilson,	W. H. Jury,
L. M. Orcutt,	M. McDonald,	J. Cox,
D. McLachlan,	J. D. Gregory,	F. W. Smith,
L. P. Lawton,	J. L. Snyder,	P. White,
S. W. Lawton,	J. C. Smith,	L. Stimson,
A. W. Johnson,	F. D. Lyon,	W. Roush,

### CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Eunice Stoddard,	Sophia Durfee,	Ellen Burns,
Bertha McGrath,	Ella Hoag,	Sarah O. Miller,
Mary J. Finch,	Zilpha C. Winn,	Lora Avery,
Rosetta Allen,	Cora Griswold,	May R. Whitmore,
Eliza Linscott,		



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Our claimants were paid \$725. of which we paid \$676, and the balance, \$49, was paid from the general fund.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$304.20.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$253.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$169.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$84.50.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid, \$174.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$71.16.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$12.74.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$1.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—From Grand Rapids and Zeeland circuit, \$10.

FOR MAGGIE LABARR'S SUNDAY-SCHOOL—From the Young People's Bible Class, Coopersville, Michigan, \$3.21.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE  
GRAND RAPIDS, IONIA, ISABELLA AND BIG RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Propheters	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim - ante' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Women's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties
<b>GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT</b>																		
Grand Rapids.....	J. A. Watson, District Elder	70	14	84	1	1	1	12	70	11	20 40	9 15	7 05	7 05	5 10	.....	\$ 25 00	.....
Coopersville and Nunica.....	W. A. Caywood.....	28	9	37	2	1	1	11	34	11	10 80	4 85	4 05	4 05	2 70	.....	3 21	.....
Frederick, County Line, Sullivan Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....	W. A. Feigtnier, supply	28	2	30	2	2	1	1	9	30	12	11 20	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Oedar Springs and Corland.....	G. H. Aiken.....	31	31	62	2	2	2	12	40	4	12 40	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....
Bavenna and Moorland.....	C. L. Lambertson.....	68	4	72	1	1	2	14	68	2	28 40	12 78	10 65	10 65	7 10	.....	7 00	.....
Bradley and Gregoryville.....	J. O. Hindes.....	20	20	40	1	1	1	5	20	2	8 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Greenfield and Tipton.....	G. H. Gallup.....	27	5	32	1	1	1	5	20	2	10 80	4 85	4 05	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	.....
Ensta and Tipton.....	H. Carpenter.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	5	40	1	18 40	8 75	8 15	8 15	5 80	.....	.....	.....
Alcona, Rustford and Brady Lake.....	C. G. Miller, supply	50	3	53	1	1	2	16	54	8	23 20	10 44	9 32	9 32	6 80	.....	\$ 2 00	.....
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	J. R. Marston.....	31	3	34	1	1	1	6	25	2	13 60	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	.....
Milbrook and Broomfield.....	J. Cox, supply.....	20	8	28	1	1	1	6	25	2	7 20	3 24	2 5	2 5	1 80	.....	.....	.....
<b>IONIA DISTRICT</b>																		
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	J. E. Sanders, District Elder	45	2	47	1	1	2	10	70	9	21 60	9 72	6 15	6 15	6 40	.....	5 65	.....
Sunfield and Shaytown.....	M. O. Lady.....	37	37	74	2	2	3	16	50	10	16 40	7 38	4 05	4 05	4 10	.....	2 00	.....
Morgan and Maple Grove.....	J. B. Griswold, Cora Griswold, s's	24	2	26	1	1	5	5	36	7	10 80	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	.....
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8.....	G. W. Weitman.....	24	1	25	1	1	1	8	24	7	9 60	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	.....
Saranac and Berlin.....	O. A. Kester, supply.....	20	1	21	1	1	1	8	20	4	8 80	3 96	3 30	3 30	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Oreans and Berlin.....	O. A. Kester, supply.....	70	8	78	1	1	2	14	85	1	30 00	13 50	11 25	11 25	7 60	.....	11 14	64 60
<b>ISABELLA DISTRICT</b>																		
Clare.....	J. E. McDonald, District Elder	27	2	29	1	1	1	6	20	6	9 60	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	.....
Alma and Burns.....	A. A. York.....	41	7	48	1	1	2	10	30	6	14 40	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis, County Line and Bayes.....	W. A. Miller, Sarah O. Miller, s's	21	5	26	1	1	2	10	30	6	8 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 60	.....	13 10	.....
Elm Ball and Sumner.....	J. A. Phillips.....	32	32	64	1	1	2	10	60	4	12 80	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Sand Ridge, Fishville, Evergreen.....	W. H. Jury, supply.....	34	10	44	1	1	2	12	40	4	8 80	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....
Stanton and Westville.....	E. Thirkettle.....	12	12	24	1	1	1	5	25	3	6 40	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Greenville and Fenwick.....	F. W. Smith, supply.....	23	3	26	1	1	3	10	25	3	10 00	4 60	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, Richland.....	W. T. Sumner.....	31	8	39	1	1	3	10	50	7	15 60	7 02	4 40	4 40	3 90	.....	17 00	10 00
<b>BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT</b>																		
Big Rapids.....	D. G. Briggs, District Elder	14	2	16	1	1	1	5	50	4	5 60	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	.....	9 10	.....
Woodville and River.....	C. M. Chase.....	21	8	29	1	1	2	10	40	6	2 40	3 22	3 60	3 60	2 40	.....	3 62	.....
Bristol and Ruckle.....	E. B. Robbins.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	5	36	2	7 60	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Evart and Chippewa.....	L. H. Morrison, supply	70	14	84	3	4	36	120	10	26 40	9 90	11 88	9 90	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Fork, Barryton and Titus.....	W. B. Huff.....	38	5	43	1	1	6	40	3	11	6 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	3 61	.....
Rose Lake and Harding.....	C. H. Harding.....	60	3	63	2	2	16	75	3	23 20	10 44	8 70	8 70	6 80	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Cadillac.....	C. W. D. Kingsley, Sr.....	22	4	26	2	1	9	25	6	5	10 00	4 50	3 30	3 30	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Grove and Boon.....	J. A. Linscott, E. Linscott, sup's	26	7	33	2	2	13	45	7	8 40	3 78	3 15	3 15	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	19 00

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## BIG RAPIDS (continued), LUDINGTON, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Woman's Foreign Missionary Society				
	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim- ants Fund	Bishops' Salaries		Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference
BIG HARDS DISTRICT—Continued															
Harrietta, Yuma and Pomona.....	8	2	10	1	2	7	20	3	6 00	2 70	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....
J. N. Beers.....	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2 40	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Koush, supply.....	29	3	32	1	1	6	20	6	10 00	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	\$ 2 00 \$ 4 00
LUDINGTON DISTRICT															
D. G. Briggs, District Elder	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Rose.....	40	3	43	1	1	12	40	9	15 60	7 02	5 85	5 85	3 90	.....	20 70
London and Pentwater.....	69	7	76	1	2	11	60	16	24 80	11 16	9 30	9 30	6 20	.....	44 00
Custer, Scottville and Sugar Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waukeville, Elbridge and Hart	31	10	41	1	1	5	15	10	14 00	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	.....
TRAVERSE DISTRICT															
W. H. Bodine, District Elder	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manton and Greenwood.....	66	2	68	1	2	15	70	14	34 00	10 80	6 28	9 00	6 00	.....	62 43
W. D. Kingsley, Jr.....	23	2	25	1	1	6	20	4	9 60	4 32	60	3 60	2 40	.....	.....
Kingsley, Betna, Traverse City, Williamsburg and Acme	40	13	53	3	2	8	60	8	15 20	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	.....	.....
T. J. Calup.....	26	24	50	1	2	12	35	5	13 60	6 13	5 10	5 10	3 40	.....	.....
G. W. Calup.....	20	14	34	1	1	6	30	2	6 40	2 83	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	.....
East Jordan, Central Lake, Boyne	25	2	27	1	2	1	8	25	11 20	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	.....
Peleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	35	30	30	20	.....	.....
Supplied.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 20	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Frankfort and Homestead	16	4	20	1	1	4	25	3	5 20	2 84	1 95	1 95	1 30	.....	.....
Empire, Orvatt and Lake Anu	51	4	55	4	5	27	150	7	20 00	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	.....	13 25
S. A. Whitmore, M. Whitmore, s's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. F. Garter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coffax, Antioch and Mesick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT															
W. H. Bodine, District Elder	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sau't Ste Marie.....	32	3	35	1	2	14	41	7	13 20	5 94	4 05	4 00	3 30	.....	1
Hay Lake.....	39	7	46	2	2	9	45	3	9 20	4 14	3 45	3 45	30	.....	5 00
G. W. Giffert.....	9	1	10	1	1	.....	.....	1	2 00	90	75	75	50	.....	.....
Reigning, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Supplied.....	9	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 40	1 98	.....	1 24	1 10	.....	.....
Drummond Island.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1673	215	1888	47	12	79	470	2019	572	80	\$ 301 76	\$ 204 48	\$ 243 73	\$108 65	\$ 165 24 \$174 13

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT												
Grand Rapids.....			\$ 53 35	\$ 2 55	\$ 548 76	49 25	\$451 00		1	\$ 1600	1	\$ 1300
Coopersville and Nunica.....			22 52	1 35	347 11	43 00			2	2800	1	1200
Fruitport, County Line, etc.....			17 04	1 40	203 84	32 00			1	1200	1	750
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....			27 99	1 55	308 44	75 40			2	1800	1	800
Cedar Springs and Cortland.....	5 00		41 85	3 55	378 41	60 64		\$ 1 27	2	2000	2	1000
Ravenna and Moorland.....			1 00	229 04	36 24	00			1	1000	1	600
Bradley and Gregoryville.....			11 00	1 35	246 16	40 26			1	800	1	500
Coral and Howard City.....			18 45	2 25	316 59	36 47			2	2000	1	500
Ensley and Town Line.....	\$ 3 00		13 30	1 05	11 24	20 20			2	1200	1	500
Altona, Rustford, Brady Lake.....			20 23	2 51	326 50	25 40		5 90	3	2400	1	250
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....			14 82	1 70	175 65	84 40			1	500	1	600
Milbrook and Broomfield.....			10 00	30	157 00	36 16		11 00	2	800	1	200
IONIA DISTRICT												
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	1 00	4 17	30 00	1 12	331 39	96 60	524 00		4	3500	1	1200
Sunfield and Shaytown.....			17 30	2 05	360 00	60 54			2	2100	1	1000
Morgan and Maple Grove.....		1 53	30 00	1 35	123 58	34 00			2	1400	1	700
Hastings, Castleton, Figure 8.....			7 10	1 20	303 90	32 00			2	1200	1	1000
Saranac and Berlin.....			8 49	1 10	200 25	55 28			2	2000	1	1000
Orleans and Bedding.....			49 51	3 75	433 68	60 64			2	3600	1	700
ISABELLA DISTRICT												
Clare.....			14 95	1 20	295 60	84 26			1	1200	1	1200
Alma and Burns.....	1 17		35 00	1 80	430 00	38 00		6 00	1	1200	1	1000
St. Louis, County Line, Bayes.....			19 25	1 00	280 60	37 00			2	1500	1	700
Elm Hall and Summer.....			20 00	1 60	325 29	42 50		11 00	1	1200	1	300
Sand Ridge, Fishville, etc.....			10 00	1 10	230 00	24 00			2	1200		
Stanton and Westville.....				80	80	12 00			2	1000	1	250
Greenville and Fenwick.....	26		9 75	1 25	227 40	22 00		1 80	2	1700		
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, Richland.....			25 00	1 95	270 00	34 00		37 00	3	1700	1	700
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT												
Big Rapids.....			21 92	70	224 88	72 23	489 16		1	800	1	700
Woodville and River.....			22 20	1 20	186 18	24 33		15 19	2	1500	1	350
Bristol and Ruckle.....			9 00	95	165 96	36 26			1	1400	1	400
Evart and Chippewa.....				3 30	350 00	50 68			1	1000	1	500
Fork, Barrington and Titus.....			14 31	2 00	225 71	36 34			1	600	1	500
Rose Lake and Harding.....			44 39	2 90	300 50	25 42			2	1400	1	400
Oadillac.....	2 10		21 28	1 25	229 00	100 28			1	1500	1	1000
Cherry Grove and Boon.....	50	60	32 00	1 05	249 71	36 26			1	900	1	200
Harrietta, Yuma and Pomona.....			18 39	75	162 69	72 28			1	220		
Barton and Jackson.....					11 30	17 00						
Weidman and Deerfield.....			11 91	1 25	269 10	60 17			2	1400	1	350
LUDINGTON DISTRICT												
Ludington and Pentwater.....	4 18		30 61	1 95	463 00	88 43		4 81	1	1800		
Custer, Scottville, Sugar Grove.....				3 10	382 13	84 48		3 30	2	1600	1	800
Walkerville, Elbridge and Hart.....			5 25	1 75	350 60	60 28			1	1000	1	600
TRAVERSE DISTRICT												
Manton and Greenwood.....			43 10	3 00	404 11	100 52	452 00		2	2000	1	1000
Lake City and Pioneer.....			12 87	1 20	115 00	60 28		16 34	1	400	1	400
Kingsley, Beitner, Traverse City, Williamsburg and Acme.....			20 50	1 90	345 37	35 40			2	1400	1	500
Lodi and Kalkaska.....			24 60	1 70	401 71	44 49		87	1	1200	1	300
Mancelona and Elmira.....			14 73	50	166 27	48 26		18 00	1	1000	1	200
East Jordan, Central Lake, etc.....	50		9 55	1 40	240 41	48 34			1	100	1	300
Pellston.....				10	70 84	22 50						
South Frankfort, Homestead.....				65	178 07	26 13			1	700		
Empire, Oviatt and Lake Ann.....			15 94	2 50	318 00	30 41			1	1200	1	600
Coifax, Antioch and Mesick.....	2 00		62 15									
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT												
Sault Ste. Marie.....	2 00		46 82	1 65	255 00	108 64		10 73	2	1850	1	1000
Hay Lake.....	75		16 45	1 15	220 10	24 46			1	700		
Dafer.....				25		32 00			1	800	1	300
Drummond Island.....				55		13 76			1	100		
Total.....	\$ 7 67	\$21 09	\$ 0	\$81 43	\$13528 37	\$2078 1916 16	\$ 143 61	\$ 79	\$ 67770 46	\$28260		

# NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
HARTFORD, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 23-26, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD, *President*

EMMA FISHER, *Secretary*

VIOLET WAITE, *Assistant Secretary*

S. WAITE, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—William B. Olmstead, S. Waite, F. P. Woodward.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On State of the Work*—S. Waite, F. W. Wilson.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—W. Barham.

*On Reforms*—A. S. Parks, Amy Gregory.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—Charles Thompson.

*On Education*—F. W. Wilson, Neal Rogers, W. Barham.

*On Sunday-schools*—J. W. Glines, Louisa Lane, Charles Thompson.

*On Publications*—F. P. Woodward, J. W. Glines, S. Waite.

*On Ministerial Relations*—W. Barham, F. P. Woodward, A. S. Parks, F. W. Wilson, Charles Thompson.

*On Charities*—W. T. Chantler, A. S. Parks.

*On Memoirs*—W. Barham, F. P. Woodward, F. W. Wilson.

*On Claimants and Claims*—William B. Olmstead, S. Waite, F. P. Woodward, Charles Thompson, F. W. Wilson.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. Barham, for three years; S. Waite, for two years; F. P. Woodward, for one year.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. P. Woodward, S. Waite, Charles Thompson, J. G. Norris, F. W. Wilson.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Home Missions (15 cents).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Peesident, Miss Emma Fisher; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary Woodward; second vice-president, Mrs. Mattie Waite; recording secretary, Mrs. Mattie Waite; corresponding secretary, Ms. Abbie Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Woodward; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Emma Fisher.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Walter Barham, Frank W. Wilson, for three years; Frank P. Woodward, Charles N. Thompson, for two years; Siegel Waite, for one year.



## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

S. Waite,	F. P. Woodward.	A. S. Parks.
H. T. Krousey.	W. Barham,	J. G. Norris.
Fred Stokes.		

### DELEGATES

F. W. Wilson.	Louisa Lane.	Neal Rogers.
Charles Thompson.	Amy Gregory.	J. W. Glines.
William T. Chantler.	Mrs. C. LaDue.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William B. Olmstead, S. Waite, F. W. Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Andrew L. DeBord, Albert B. Newkirk, Gustaf A. Nelson.

4. Who remain on trial? E. W. Winn, John Roffensparger.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? H. T. Krousey, Allen S. Parks.

7, 8, 9, 10. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. Barham, from the North Dakota conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? A. G. Chandler, Fred Stokes.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, with one exception.

15. Who have died this year? A. M. Keniston.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. A. M. Keniston, \$45.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Alexandria, Minnesota, as near the first Wednesday in October as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session of the North Minnesota conference was held at Hartford, Minnesota, September 23-27, 1908. Rev. William B. Olmstead presided with ability and satisfaction. He preached five times with profit. His preaching and talks to the conference were clear and logical, and a real inspiration to us to press the battle on and to stand by the principles of our Zion.

Five sittings were held. A most blessed spirit of brotherly love and unity prevailed.

Brother Olmstead held a service in the interests of the Sunday-school work and gave an inspiring and profitable talk on the "Ten Points of Excellence."

A memorial service was held on Saturday afternoon in honor of A. M. Keniston. Rev. W. Barham preached the sermon, followed by three other ministers, who gave short eulogies of the deceased.

The W. F. M. S. held a public meeting on Sunday afternoon with a good sermon by S. Waite, and an inspiring appeal by Brother Olmstead. An offering of \$36.04 in cash and subscriptions was taken.

The evangelistic services were very good. Several backslidden persons were reclaimed. We go forth with renewed zeal and faith for another year's work.

## APPOINTMENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—S. WAITE, District Elder, Motley, Minnesota

South Haven and Main Prairie.....E. W. Winn, South Haven, Minnesota  
 Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos.....F. P. Woodward, Alexandria, "  
 Osakis, Clotho and Drywood.....Albert Newkirk, Osakis, R. F. D. 1, "  
 Long Prairie and Davis schoolhouse.....J. G. Norris, Burtrum, "  
 Burtrum and Lake Beauty.....W. Barham, Burtrum, "  
 Browerville and Moran.....A. S. Parks, R. F. D. 1, Browerville, "  
 Cornell .....To be supplied  
 H. T. Krousey, left without appointment.

PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT—S. WAITE, District Elder

Fort Ripley and Huff.....John Roffensparger, Fort Ripley, Minnesota  
 Brainerd.....George Northrup, supply, Brainerd, "  
 Motley and Bridgeman.....To be supplied  
 Wadena and Wrightstown.....Preston Line, supply, Wrightstown, Minnesota  
 Park Rapids and Osage.....A. L. DeBord, Park Rapids, "  
 Fertile and Thief River.....Gertrude LaDue, supply, Fertile, "

S. Waite, member of the Park Rapids district quarterly conference; Gustaf A. Nelson, evangelist.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS' FUND—Paid, \$36.90.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Paid, \$44.28.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Paid, \$24.60.

PERMANENT FUND—Paid, \$12.30.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Paid, \$98.40.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT												
South Haven, Big Lake, Cornell	\$ 4 26		\$ 45	\$ 451 10	\$ 96	\$ 33 49			1	\$ 800	1	\$ 600
Alexandria, Hudson, Carlos	3 79	27 52	2 00	298 00	72	40 00	1 00		2	2000	1	800
Gordon, Spruce Hill, etc.	2 00	17 36	80	63 00		40 00	13 50		1	500	1	300
Burtrum, Lake Beauty, etc.	3 65	54 19	2 35	241 15	60	48 00	23 60		1	500	1	400
Hartford, Moran and Clotho	7 00	20 00	1 75	307 63	60	40 00			2	1500	1	800
Fort Ripley, Brainerd, Huff		13 63		279 03	60	36 00			2	900	1	800
Motley and Bridgeman	1 50	22 59		116 60	36	75 48	30 00		1	1000	1	500
Wadena, Park Rapids, etc.			75	139 75	23				2	325	2	900
Fertile and Thief River			35			17 50	120 00					
Total	\$22 20	\$ 155 29	\$ 8 50	\$1896 26	\$407	\$330 47	\$ 188 10	12	\$ 7525	9	\$ 5100	

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

## ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangeli- sts	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teach- ers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim- ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties
ALEXANDRIA AND PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT	S. Walte, District Elder																	
	South Haven, Big Lake and Cornell	16	9	25	1	1	1	1	4	3 60	1 62	1 35	1 35	90				
	Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos	32	8	40	1	1	2	9	50	10	16 00	7 20	1 10	6 00	2 00			\$ 79 70
	Gordon, Spruce Hill and Drywood	22	2	24	1	1	1	5	51	7	6 80	3 05	2 55	2 55	1 70			
	Burtum, Lake Beauty and Long Prairie	47	2	49	2	2	9	70	12	18 86	8 46			7 03	4 70			53 62
	Hartford, Moran and Clotho	40	12	52	1	1	8	40	5	14 00	6 30			5 25	3 50			31 50
	Fort Ripley, Brainerd and Huff	34	8	42	2	1	8	32	7	10 00	4 60	3 75	1 72	2 50	2 50			12 00
	Motley and Bridgeman	31	1	32	1	2	1	8	73	7	10 40	4 63		3 93	2 80		38 00	20 50
	Wadena, Park Rapids and Wrights- town	21	1	22	1	1				3	6 00	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50			
	Fertile and Thief River	8	2	10	1	1				1	2 80	1 25	1 05	1 05	70			5 00
Total		251	45	296	5	5	9	47	316	56	88 46	39 68	12 05	31 15	20 10		\$ 40 50	\$202 22

# OHIO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
COLUMBUS, OHIO, AUGUST 26-29, 1908

## OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

J. E. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

F. L. HALL, *Assistant Secretary*

F. L. HALL, *Treasurer*

C. W. SMITH, *Statistical Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Burton R. Jones, D. W. Wesley, O. M. Shaw.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Money for Publishing the Minutes*—J. A. Hopkins, E. D. Crane.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. A. Hopkins, John Timbers.

*On Memoirs*—F. L. Hall, J. W. Headley.

*On Reforms*—C. W. Smith, H. Burse, I. E. Green.

*On Publications*—A. Stevens, John Timbers, William Probst.

*On Education*—O. L. Spencer, J. C. Sherburne, E. T. Chandler.

*On Sunday-schools*—E. S. Jennings, Forman Lincicome, Etta Amstead.

*Auditing Committee*—O. L. Spencer, R. B. Niles.

*Committee on Nominations*—D. W. Wesley, J. Hayden, J. W. Headley.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. W. Wesley, time expires 1911; J. C. Sherburne, time expires 1910; E. S. Jennings, time expires 1909.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. E. Williams, president; D. W. Wesley, secretary; J. W. Headley, treasurer; F. D. Webb, E. T. Chandler.

## CONFERENCE TREASURER

John Timbers, 4504 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—H. W. Sanderson

*On Education*—W. A. Sayre

*On Publications*—John Timbers

*On Sunday-schools*—W. B. Olmstead

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Home Missions, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants', Permanent Fund.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mary E. Hall, 215 Second avenue, Galion, Ohio; vice-president, Etta Wesley; recording secretary, Hellen S. Bolton, Athens, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Bertha E. Burse, Warren, Ohio; treasurer, Anna Stevens, Cridersville, Ohio; superintendent of Junior department, Clara M. Hayden, Ottawa, Ohio; librarian, Martha Sherburne.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

J. W. Headley,	F. L. Hall,	D. W. Wesley,
J. E. Williams,	J. H. Hayden,	J. Lawrence,
G. A. Olmstead,	W. B. Olmstead,	F. C. Calkins,
E. N. Foulk,	A. Stevens,	H. F. Hall,
F. DeLong,	J. C. Sherburne,	H. W. Sanderson,
J. A. Bolton,	E. D. Crane,	W. F. Matthewson,
B. B. Caston,	O. L. Spencer,	J. B. Thompson,
J. A. Hopkins,	C. W. Smith,	E. S. Jennings,
G. E. Conant,	J. M. Swain,	R. B. Niles,
H. Burse,	John Timbers,	O. M. Shaw,
E. A. Bryan,	W. J. Hampp,	O. L. Stricker,
E. F. Aiken,	H. F. Aiken,	C. W. Warner,
E. C. Gravina,	Foreman Lincicome,	W. A. Sayre.

## DELEGATES

Etta Amstead,	E. T. Chandler,	William Boggs.
Simon Johnson,	W. R. Mills,	Byron Smith,
Ida Mitchell,	Edison Leininger,	W. O. Kincaid,
William Orwig,	J. W. Davis,	W. B. Probst,
J. E. Crider,	Martin Matheney,	Mable Burke,
Mary Slusser,	C. A. Orr,	Charles Mitchell,
Lena Thompson,	Emma Wilson,	F. W. Brown,
Emanuel Weaver,	John Shenkle,	I. E. Green,
Emma Conklin,	Jennie Smith,	George Gray,
Charles Corwin,	Minnie Highland,	Stanley Lamp,
Fred D. Webb,	Clark Sayre,	Jennie Cone,
Frank Tuttle,	George Simmonds,	F. Josett.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, J. W. Headley, J. H. Hayden, D. W. Wesley, Martin Matheney, J. E. Crider, J. W. Davis.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? M. E. Snyder, E. E. Higbee, Noah VanKannel.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. F. Aiken, C. W. Warner, Walter A. Sayre, E. C. Gravina, Foreman Lincicome.

6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. DeLong, O. L. Spencer, J. B. Thompson, J. M. Swain, G. E. Conant, E. F. Aiken, O. L. Stricker, W. J. Hampp, E. A. Bryan, O. M. Shaw, \*H. F. Aiken, \*C. W. Warner, \*Walter A. Sayre, \*E. C. Gravina, \*Foreman Lincicome.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? John Timbers, E. S. Jennings.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Noah VanKannel, E. A. Bryan, E. E. Higbee.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? G. A. Olmstead.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. L. Hall.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? C. F. Scott.

16-20. See statistical report.

\*Ordained this year.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$125.

22, 23. Not asked this session.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next session of the annual conference be held? The time to be as near the first Wednesday in September as can be arranged for by the board of bishops, the place to be left to the decision of the district elders.

## APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—D. W. WESLEY, District Elder,  
627 Franklin avenue, Kent, Ohio

Cleveland.....John Timbers, 4504 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio  
Cleveland (East Side).....J. Lawrence, R. F. D., Warrensville, "  
Rocky River.....J. E. Williams, Rocky River, "  
Bennett's Corners and Ridgeville....I. H. Potts, R. F. D., Brunswick, "  
Akron.....F. DeLong, 1044 Yale street, Akron, "  
Kent.....E. C. Gravina, Kent, "  
Griggs and Steamburg.....H. F. Aiken, R. F. D. 7, Jefferson, "  
Cortland .....To be supplied  
Warren.....H. Burse, General Delivery, Warren, Ohio  
Youngstown.....E. N. Foulk, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, "  
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....J. M. Swain, Big Prairie, "  
Davis and Howard.....E. S. Jennings, R. F. D., Perrysville, "  
Mansfield.....To be supplied

Noah VanKannel, supernumerary; B. B. Casto, left without an appointment, according to paragraph 94 of Discipline.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. H. HAYDEN, District Elder, Ottawa, Ohio

Toledo.....J. W. Headley, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio  
Holland and Monclova.....F. C. Calkins, Holland, "  
Delta, Amboy and Ralkers.....Foreman Lincicome, Delta, "  
Edgerton, Bethel and Butler.....M. E. Snyder, Edgerton, "  
Brunersburg.....Pauline Kern, supply, Ney, "  
Kiefersville and Deshler....E. D. Crane, Emily Crane, supply, Deshler, "  
Celina.....E. F. Aiken, Celina, "  
Hume, Cridersville and Lima.....A. Stevens, Anna Stevens, supply, Cridersville, "  
North Baltimore and Bowling Green...R. B. Niles, North Baltimore, "  
Dugan Valley and Tremont City.....Oly M. Judy, supply  
Benlah.....William Orwig, supply, Bowling Green, Ohio  
Galion and West Point.....H. F. Hall, Mary E. Hall, supply, 215 Second street, Galion, "  
Chicago and Clyde.....To be supplied

W. B. Olmstead, general Sunday-school secretary; W. F. Matthewson, missionary to Japan; G. A. Olmstead, superannuated; J. B. Thompson, left without an appointment according to paragraph 94 of Discipline; F. L. Hall, given certificate of good standing in view of transfer; E. A. Bryan, supernumerary.

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—J. C. SIERBURNE, District Elder

Summerfield, Tabor, East Union and Middleburg.....Walter A. Sayre, Summerfield, Ohio  
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive.....O. L. Stricker, Sarahsville, "  
Hall's Chapel, Hill Grove and Marietta...O. L. Spencer, Winget Run, "  
Zanesville and Cedar Run...C. W. Warner, 18 Clover street, Zanesville, "  
Byesville, Senecaville and Hartford.....W. J. Hampp, Byesville, "



## ATHENS DISTRICT—J. C. SHERBURNE, District Elder

Athens.....J. A. Bolton, Athens, Ohio  
 Corning, Mt. Carmel and Hollister.....J. A. Hopkins, Glouster, "  
 Laurel Cliff and Hysel Run.....C. W. Smith, R. F. D. 1., Pomeroy, "  
 Plants and Kerr's Run.....  
 .....Charles Mitchell, Maud Mitchell, supplies, Pomeroy, "

## COLUMBUS DISTRICT—J. C. SHERBURNE, District Elder

Columbus.....O. M. Shaw, 154 East Fifth avenue, Columbus, Ohio  
 New Albany and Ralph.....Levi Hochstetter, supply, New Albany, "  
 Newark Mission.....G. E. Conant, Newark, "  
 Dayton Mission and New Richmond.....  
 .....H. W. Sanderson, 103 Champa avenue, Dayton, "

E. E. Higbee, supernumerary; J. C. Sherburne, member Columbus district quarterly conference.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Jane S. Ray, South Newberry, Ohio, licensed 1881.	Lillie A. Sanderson, 103 Chapa avenue, Dayton, Ohio, licensed 1901.
Ida L. Gage, Spring Arbor, Michigan, licensed 1893.	Emily J. Crane, Deshler, Ohio, licensed 1904.
Mary E. Hall, 215 Second street, Galion, Ohio, licensed 1897.	Emma R. Hastings, Nashville, Ohio, licensed 1904.
Abbie Headley, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio, licensed 1899.	Anna Stevens, Cridersville, Ohio, licensed 1906.
Helen S. Bolton, Athens, Ohio, licensed 1901.	Lena Thompson, Holland, Ohio, licensed 1906.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mable Race .....Pomeroy, Ohio	Esther D. Clark, Salcedo, Dominican Republic, West Indies
Pauline Kern.....Ney, "	Jessie Christensen, West 71st street, Cleveland, Ohio
Sadie Russell.....Galion, "	Bertha E. Burse.....Warren, Ohio
Oly M. Judy.....Celina, "	Maria Aylord .....Brunswick, "
Clara Hayden .....Ottawa, "	Maud Mitchell .....Pomeroy, "
W. C. Spencer.....Jefferson, "	Mrs. J. E. Bridge, Eureka avenue, Columbus, Ohio
Sadie Hall.....Winget Run, "	
Anna Hunter, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio	

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Clark Sayre .....Saxon, Ohio	C. J. Cary.....Urbana, Ohio
Solon Haughton .....Toledo, "	S. P. Hysell.....Columbus, "
L. C. Waters.....Holland, "	Byron Smith, Eureka avenue, Columbus, Ohio
E. H. Bates.....Holland, "	John Shenkle .....Fifteen, Ohio
Simon Johnson.....Brunersburg, "	Charles Shenkle .....Fifteen, "
J. E. Crider.....Cridersville, "	Charles Mitchell .....Pomeroy, "
James Longbreak.....Deshler, "	Henry Hamner.....Senecaville, "
Walter Martin .....Celina, "	Martin Matheney, R. F. D., Caldwell, Ohio
William Orwig.....Bowling Green, "	Noah VanKannel....Big Prairie, Ohio
William E. Fisher, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio	Rezin Baker (local deacon), Sarahsville, Ohio
A. C. Hartley, 244 Cherry street, Kent, Ohio	

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Received and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$150.90.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Received, \$402.40; paid to Mrs. C. F. Scott, \$70; paid balance, \$332.40, to S. K. J. Chesbro.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Received, \$181.08; paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$125; balance, \$56.08, paid to Burton R. Jones.

PERMANENT FUND—Received and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$50.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Received and paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$100.60.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—Received \$33.10 and paid same to W. B. Rose.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Received, \$5.65; paid same to S. K. J. Chesbro.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Received, \$5.80; paid same to S. K. J. Chesbro.

HOME MISSIONS—Received from circuits, \$149.92; surplus from an appropriation of last year that was not used, \$10; total, \$159.92. Disbursed as follows: H. Burse, \$5; John Timbers, \$5; E. D. Crane, \$5; Miss Oly M. Judy, \$5; F. Delong, \$5; E. C. Gravina, \$6; J. M. Swain, \$10; W. A. Sayre, \$10; J. A. Bolton, \$10; J. A. Hopkins, \$5; Charles Mitchell, \$8; L. Hochstetler, \$3; G. E. Conant, \$6; H. F. Aiken, \$10; E. F. Aiken, \$10; A. Stevens, \$10; Miss Pauline Kern, \$2; Mrs. Mary A. Morgan, \$5; I. H. Potts, \$6. The balance, \$33.92, to be divided equally among the district elders, to be disbursed on their respective districts.

Total receipts, \$1089.75; total disbursements, \$1089.75.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$1,316.81.

F. L. HALL, Secretary.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth annual session of the Ohio conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Columbus, Ohio, August 26-29, 1908. In the absence of Bishop Jones at the opening of the session, the conference was called to order by the secretary of last year, who conducted the devotional exercises and acted as temporary chairman in organizing the conference. W. B. Olmstead was elected president *pro. tem.*, and presided over the first sitting with ability, and to the entire satisfaction of all.

Bishop Jones came to us in the fulness of the Spirit and was present at the opening of the second sitting. He presided with his usual ability and dispatch. His preaching was in the Spirit and in power.

The local pastor, O. M. Shaw, succeeded well indeed in providing entertainment for the conference and the large number of visitors in attendance. He, with his efficient helpers, as well as the pilgrims at Columbus, deserve great credit.

Over eight hundred dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions for various purposes during the conference session. Included in this amount, \$526.75 was raised for the purpose of erecting a Free Methodist parsonage in the city of Columbus, and about \$170 for foreign missions. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported as having raised for foreign missions during the past year \$1,316.81.

A solemn and impressive memorial service was held in memory of our departed and greatly beloved brother in the ministry, the Rev. C. F. Scott, who died during the past year in the triumphs of a living faith, and entered into rest. A number of the brethren took part in this service and talked very feelingly upon the life and death of this devoted servant of God. We trust that prayer may be offered up to God in behalf of the bereaved widow and fatherless children.

C. W. Warner, H. F. Aiken, Walter A. Sayre, E. C. Gravina and Foreman Lincome were ordained deacons Sunday at the opening of the morning service, and John Timbers and E. S. Jennings were ordained elders at the opening of the Sunday afternoon services.

Rev's. Powers and Cobb, holiness evangelists of the Methodist Episcopal

church, and Rev. Smith of the United Brethren church were introduced to the conference, and invited to honorary seats. Rev's. Powers and Smith each briefly addressed the conference.

Saturday night under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., J. P. Brodhead, superintendent of our missionary work in South Africa, presented his stereopticon views of the African mission field, with an interesting and deeply spiritual lecture on the missionary work in that country.

Brother and Sister Matthewson, our own missionaries from Japan, were with us and gave interesting and inspiring addresses on their work in that great and needy field, Sunday afternoon.

General Sunday-school Secretary W. B. Olmstead represented the interests of the publishing house and seemed to do a considerable business during the conference session.

The three district elders, J. H. Hayden, D. W. Wesley and J. C. Sherburne were elected Sunday-school secretaries on their respective districts. We trust that through this action of the conference that the interest in our Sabbath-school work will be greatly increased throughout the conference.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Reading has been for ages one of the ways of informing the mind concerning those things which were, are, and shall be. In our days it is one of the most powerful agencies to this end; and the greater part of the information in reference to all branches of knowledge is obtained in this way, at least, by the majority of men. It is the duty of Christians to read, and to read much. "Give attendance to reading," was Paul's exhortation to his son in the gospel.

God's people should be careful and discriminating as to what they read. It is no longer a question of getting something to read, but the question is to get that class of literature which is wholesome, uplifting and edifying. The great mass of publications is not of this character, but is enfeebling to the mind, debasing to the life and ruinous to the souls of men. We would advise our people to choose their literature with the carefulness with which they select their food. And in their choice we would assist them by naming a few books and publications that have been and ever must be read with intellectual and spiritual profit.

1. The Bible, that book of Books; a book for the morning, noon and night of man's existence upon earth; a book for every clime, people and nation; a book the source of which is pure, the benefits of which are healing and purifying, containing the very essence of eternal life.

2. "Pilgrim's Progress," that immortal allegory, which delineates with great clearness and perspicuity the road leading to the Celestial City.

3. The publications of our own publishing house, we would most highly commend: the books in the various course of study; the various missionary productions, such as, "The Life of Clara Leffingwell," "Mission Work in South and East Africa," "Life of Harry Agnew," etc.

4. Our Sunday-school literature is second to none in helping to mould the character of our young people, and others as they associate with us in our Sunday-school work. We also commend to the notice of our people Brother W. B. Olmstead's "Handbook for Sunday-school Workers." Last, but not least, we again call attention to "*The Free Methodist*," which, if we would be intelligent and enlightened members of our church, we must have come to our homes, lay upon our tables and read continuously.

### II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There has never been a time in the history of the church when such efforts were made to enlarge the churches and Sunday-schools, as there is now.

Nearly every Sunday-school in other denominations are divided committees represented by the Blue and Red ribbons and making every effort, whether it be good or bad, to out-do the other committee in adding new members to the school. Then, after they have them in the school, at the next revival effort, they take them all into the church without repentance or salvation.

There is a great progress reported in the Sunday-school movement, and the Sunday-school forms a continuous circle of the world. At the last "World's International Convention," one sitting of that convention was held amid the ruins of the arena where a few centuries back, the martyrs shed their blood for the sport of the cruel Nero and the crowd of spectators. As Free Methodists we do not measure our success by the mere numbers that we may gather into the Sunday-school, but by the number of souls actually saved; and how can this be accomplished if the classes are to be taught by unsaved teachers? As Free Methodists we must quicken our diligence; there is a broad field before us.

Let us furnish to our boys and girls and to as many as we can gather into our schools, where the gospel is taught in all its fulness, and where only pure literature is scattered among the scholars. Our "Light and Life" lesson papers, which, in our opinion, is the best there is. So many of the papers published by other houses are little better than novels, and only lead the pupil to desire a story of a deeper plot.

The most of our pastors and people in Ohio are not able to enter into the township and county conventions on account of the way in which they are conducted or carried on, for if they take part, they think they will be part-takers of the whole. So we must have conventions of our own. We advise that this conference elect the three district elders to the office of district Sunday-school secretary of their respective districts, and that they provide for conventions to be held on their districts. We think that the Teacher Training classes that are being proposed by our Sunday-school secretary are an effort in the right direction, and that every PASTOR SHOULD ORGANIZE SUCH A CLASS on his circuit.

We should be very careful in holding the special days that our Discipline provides for; and as the Discipline requires, hold a religious service for the children, instead of an entertainment by the children.

We believe that the pastors of every circuit should take an active part in the Sunday-school on their circuits.

### III.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on Reforms beg to submit the following report:

1. THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—One of the great needs of reform in our land is that of the liquor traffic. It is the demoralizing curse of our land and a disgrace to our civilization. We believe the only remedy for it is the absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We do not believe local option to be a success, and never can be so long as the old parties are in power. We must have Prohibitionists to enforce prohibition laws, therefore we insist on voting for prohibitionists.

2. TOBACCO.—Another great evil is the tobacco habit, and especially the deadly cigarette. We recommend that we fight this evil to the death.

3. SECRET SOCIETIES.—We must not give the trumpet an uncertain sound against the anti-Christian secret society. They are rivals and enemies of church, and of Jesus Christ. We sympathize with the laboring classes, but we can not countenance the un-Americanism and anti-Christian principles of labor unions which deny to those who are not members, the right to earn an honest living.

4. DRESS.—We are pleased to note the plainness of our pilgrims and the firm stand our people take on the line of dress. Yet we still feel and see the need of crying out against the god of fashion. Are not some adding useless trimmings and adornments for the purpose of evading the reproach that attends the pilgrim route? Is there not a tendency among some to conform to



the world by the wearing of some articles of dress that draws undue attention, and which also tends to worldliness? Some do not yield to the fashions themselves, but lavish their pride upon their children and home. Do we prove that we possess the spirit of self-denial when we spend so much money for self and homes, when there is such a demand for means to carry on the work of the Lord? Let us not remove the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set.

5. **SABBATH DESECRATION.**—As a nation we are becoming more and more Sabbath breakers. The disregard for the day is shown by the increase of Sabbath traffic, pleasure and labor. The day has become a holiday, rather than a day of rest. We see such a tendency to visit and seek pleasure on God's holy day, that we feel we should cry out against it on every line.

6. **PASTORAL VISITING.**—The growing tendency of the age is ease and comfort, and this spirit is foreign to the exhortation of Christ, that we should deny ourselves and take up our cross daily and follow Him. We should endeavor to assist those under our care and to aid in salvation of souls by instructing them in their homes. What unspeakable need there is of this? Our religion is not sufficiently deep if visiting is neglected. It is superficial, partial and uneven. It will be so until we spend half as much time in this visiting as we do in talking uselessly. Sad indeed to know of the many homes never entered by God's messengers and how often the cry comes from even our own members, that the preacher never visits us. If filling appointments was all the pastor had to do, how pleasant life indeed. How few deny themselves and go out into the highways to comfort and cheer, and to tell a dying world of a Christ that loves, and is interested in them. Some pastors have certain places to visit because it is convenient and pleasant, but how few visit the unpleasant places, and let their light shine into the dismal and dingy homes where love and sunshine never comes? God help us as preachers of the Ohio conference to shake off this stupor and indifference that is creeping over us, and to deny ourselves and take our cross daily and visit.

7. **THE CLASS-MEETING.**—The class-meeting is being supplemented by the modern testimony services. Our work is seriously suffering because the class-meeting is neglected. In view of the important relation our class-meetings sustain to the work of God and the development of Christian experience, our preachers should by all means insist on the old-time class-meeting, and see to it that they are held in every society.

#### IV.—ON EDUCATION.

The subject of education should be of great interest to all. The design in the mind of the Creator was that the faculties of the mind should be developed and used to the glory of God, to the good of ourselves and all mankind. While intellectual development does not of itself make man a moral or religious being, yet it may greatly aid him to become both moral and religious and facilitate his usefulness to God and mankind. It also places him under greater moral responsibility, which, if he fulfils, will secure to him the greater blessings here and in the world to come. Therefore we must conclude that it is the duty of all to educate themselves (so far as possible) not only in the common branches of learning, but in scientific, moral and religious instruction.

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We would express our appreciation of our school at Spring Arbor, Michigan, to which many of our young people of Ohio have gone and are going to prepare themselves for useful lives in the Lord's vineyard; a school where the moral tone is not only high, but the spiritual atmosphere is soul-inspiring; where the mental training is thorough and the expenses are very moderate. We would recommend that our people in Ohio patronize this school so far as possible, and also help with their means to keep it advancing.

We also express our appreciation of all these noble institutions East and West and esteem them very highly for their works' sake; among which is the

very efficient and higher institution of learning from which each year is going forth to bless the world a noble band of educated, consecrated, spiritual men and women; an institution that is deserving the patronage and support of every friend of Christian education, Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois.

We believe the Bible the greatest text book extant and that its study should be observed by all. Many with limited knowledge of other books have become brilliant and useful teachers of God's word; therefore we earnestly recommend every elder, pastor and layman (so far as possible) to organize Teacher Training classes and make the study of God's word a specialty.

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLEVELAND DISTRICT												
Cleveland.....	\$ 2 50	\$	61 65	\$ 4 15	\$ 692 74	\$144	\$ 72 06	\$ 25 75	1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 1800
Rocky River.....	2 31		26 37	80	372 69	60	32 41		1	2000	1	800
Akron.....			17 23	1 25	269 16	192	36 00		1	2500	1	180
Kent.....			35 00	1 70	450 00	72	75 00	\$ 8 00	1	1200	1	600
Warren.....			19 48	85	230 00		40 00	35 00	1	2500	1	
Youngstown.....			51 72	1 75	572 45	150	75 00		1	2000	1	1800
Cortland.....			15 00	55	145 00	35	25 00	6 30	1	2000	1	1000
Bennett's Corners, Kidgeville.....	1 40		12 00	1 05	155 38	3	25 24	5 60	2	1400	1	200
Davis and Howard.....			21 51	1 15	310 81		60 00	25 60	1	1500		
Griggs' Corners and Steamburg.....	1 30		38 19	1 20	250 85	50	55 13		2	1400	1	700
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....			30 00	1 30	414 00		60 00	7 00	2	2500		
TOLEDO DISTRICT												
Toledo.....	1 40		66 74	1 25	518 71		56 16	24 50	1	2500	1	1500
Holland and Monclova.....			75 14	2 70	685 58		67 41	61 50	2	2000	1	1100
Delta and Amboy.....			25 64	1 35	634 47		77 30	20 00	2	2500	1	1500
Edgerton, Bethel, Brunnersburg.....	\$ 9 50		23 00	1 20	210 00		42 00	14 50	2	1200		
Galion, West Point, etc.....			28 00	1 60	261 30	75	32 40		3	2500	2	1800
North Baltimore and Deshler.....		80	31 37	1 20	265 82	50	38 56		2	2000	1	600
Hume and Cridersville.....			16 00	90	293 39		34 50		2	1500	1	500
Bowling Green and Beulah.....			27 60	90	94 68		43 46		2	2000		
Lima.....			13 25	1 25	137 11	44	37 04					
Celina.....			54 20	1 05	278 00	72	42 75	11 28				
Kiefersville and Ottawa Mission.....		66	90		197 67		32 00	57 75				
Chicago and Clyde.....			60		80 00		32 00		1	1000	1	1000
ATHENS DISTRICT												
Athens.....			21 30	1 20	321 16		42 13		1	2000		
Laurell Cliff and Hysell Run.....	55	96	25 00	1 60	363 30	50	72 50	2 20	3	2200	1	900
Mt. Carmel, Hatfield, Hollister.....	2 75		21 44	1 10	441 31		47 95		1	1100		
Plants and Kerr's Run.....			13 59	1 15	134 35		33 04		1	1000		
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT												
Zanesville.....	1 00	1 00	66 28	2 05	462 90	125	79 11	31 74	1	1500	1	1000
Summerfield, Tabor, etc.....	50	1 00	12 00	2 30	675 00	60	68 25	7 51	4	4200	1	1000
Byesville, Senecaville, etc.....			32 00	2 40	415 00		50 65		2	1200		
Sarabshville, Perryopolis, Olive.....			65 22	2 20	420 30	60	65 01		3	2500	1	700
Hall's Chapel, Hill Grove, etc.....			22 50	2 10	247 94		52 06		2	1000		
Cedar Run.....				15			17 70					
COLUMBUS DISTRICT												
Columbus.....	2 00			60	383 81		103 11	35 82	1	3000		
New Albany and Ralph.....			14 28	1 10	234 30	60	32 67		1	1000		
Dugan Valley, Tremont City.....	1 03		11 48	60	212 47		41 44		1	1200		
Dayton.....			14 00	50	137 82		36 00	24 20	1	650		
New Richmond.....		50	6 82		195 93		15 12					
Newark Mission.....			27 00	30	245 46	129	17 26	23 00				
Total.....	\$11 55	\$19 61	\$1042 50	\$50 30	\$12449 05	\$1431	\$1865 42	\$ 425 25	\$3	\$63750	20	\$20300



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## CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Missionary Societies						
	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Chalm.	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
CLEVELAND DISTRICT																	
J. W. Headley, District Elder																	
Cleveland	83	2	85	3	1	14	75	25	\$ 33 20	\$ 14 94	\$ 12 45	\$ 12 45	\$ 8 30	.....	\$ 8 55	.....	
Rocky River	19	.....	19	.....	.....	8	50	8	6 40	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	9 50	\$ 10 00	
Akron	24	.....	24	.....	1	1	6	25	5	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	4 00	
Kent	34	8	42	3	1	7	40	8	11 60	6 12	6 00	6 00	3 40	.....	.....	96 08	
Warren	18	1	19	.....	1	7	25	4	6 80	3 02	2 55	2 55	1 70	.....	.....	20 00	
Youngtown	35	9	44	.....	1	1	9	60	6	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	.....	
Cortland	6	.....	6	.....	1	1	4	15	2	4 40	1 38	1 65	1 10	.....	25 00	.....	
Bouquet's Corners and Ridgeville	18	.....	18	.....	1	1	8	23	8	8 40	3 78	3 15	2 30	.....	2 00	11 70	
Davis and Howard	26	3	29	.....	1	1	7	43	6	9 20	4 14	3 45	2 30	.....	.....	5 00	
Griggs' Corners and Steamburg	27	.....	27	.....	1	1	10	75	8	9 60	4 32	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	.....	
J. W. Swath	30	.....	30	.....	2	11	63	6	10 40	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	.....	
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
TOLEDO DISTRICT																	
F. L. Hall and J. H. Hayden, District Elders																	
Toledo	21	2	23	1	1	16	75	8	10 00	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	11 25	12 68	
Holland and Monclova	62	5	67	3	2	18	140	22	21 60	9 72	8 10	8 10	6 40	.....	101 00	53 54	
Delta and Ambry	23	15	38	.....	1	8	30	9	10 80	4 36	4 05	4 05	2 70	.....	4 25	7 10	
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunnersburg	30	5	35	1	1	1	1	0	9 60	4 32	3 60	3 60	3 20	.....	.....	11 15	
Gallion, West Point, etc.	34	.....	34	.....	1	2	9	45	4	12 80	5 75	4 80	3 40	.....	.....	9 05	
North Bend and Findlay	23	2	25	1	1	11	48	4	9 60	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	4 00	
North Bend and Findlay	18	1	19	.....	1	1	35	5	7 20	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	16 00	
Bowling Green and Benlah	15	1	16	.....	1	14	30	3	7 20	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	12 95	
Lima	15	2	17	.....	1	1	20	5	8 40	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 50	.....	.....	13 14	
Celina	25	2	27	.....	1	11	50	5	8 40	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 50	.....	.....	1 27	
Kiefersville and Ottawa Mission	18	1	19	.....	1	1	6	16	7 20	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	2 13	78 88	
Chicago and Clyde	5	.....	5	.....	1	1	6	6	4 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	21 00	

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## ATHENS, SUMMERFIELD AND COLUMBUS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
ATHENS DISTRICT																	
D. W. Wesley, District Elder																	
Athens.....	W. A. Savre.....	25	25	25	2	11	65	11	\$ 9.60	\$ 4.32	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.40	.....	.....	.....	\$ 37.60
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run.....	C. W. Smith.....	35	5	40	2	12	60	12	12.80	5.76	4.80	4.80	3.20	.....	.....	.....	31.37
Mt. Carmel, Hatfield and Hollister.....	H. F. Aiken, supply.....	27	6	33	3	14	55	6	9.80	3.96	3.30	3.30	2.20	.....	.....	.....	8.25
Plants and Kerr's Run.....	C. W. Smith, supply.....	20	...	20	1	1	23	11	9.20	4.14	3.45	3.45	2.30	.....	.....	.....	22.60
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT																	
D. W. Wesley, District Elder																	
Zanesville.....	C. W. Warner.....	43	9	52	1	10	60	11	16.40	7.38	6.15	6.15	4.10	.....	.....	.....	11.70
Summit, Fair, E. D. and Secord.....	A. A. Hooper.....	20	...	20	2	12	50	16	13.40	8.28	6.90	6.90	4.60	.....	.....	.....	25.10
Harfield, Sycamoreville and Harfield.....	William J. Hayspp.....	37	14	51	3	19	60	9	19.20	8.64	7.20	7.20	4.80	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Saksaville, Perryopolis and Olive.....	O. L. Stricker.....	51	13	64	3	16	70	6	17.60	9.02	6.10	6.10	4.40	.....	.....	.....	80.00
Hall's Chapel, Hill Grove, Marietta.....	O. L. Spencer.....	37	...	37	2	1	60	16	16.80	7.66	6.30	6.30	4.20	.....	.....	.....	48.87
Cedar Run.....	D. W. Wesley, supply.....	3	3	6	...	...	...	1	1.20	.54	.45	.45	.30	.....	.....	.....	...
COLUMBUS DISTRICT																	
D. W. Wesley, District Elder																	
Columbus.....	O. M. Shaw.....	22	...	22	2	1	9	50	40	4.80	2.16	1.80	1.80	1.20	.....	.....	20.00
New Albany and Ralph.....	A. Stevens, supply.....	20	...	20	1	2	8	35	6	8.80	3.46	3.30	3.30	2.20	.....	.....	48.00
Valley and Tremont City.....	Levi Hochstetler, supply.....	15	...	15	1	1	5	8	4	4.80	2.16	1.80	1.80	1.20	.....	.....	...
Darwin.....	H. W. Sanderson.....	10	1	11	1	1	1	20	3	4.00	1.80	1.50	1.50	1.00	.....	.....	5.62
New Richmond.....	Charles Mitchell, supply.....	8	5	13	1	1	5	20	1	2.40	1.08	.90	.90	.60	.....	.....	...
Newark Mission.....	J. A. Bolton, H. S. Bolton, supply.....	7	6	13	...	1	6	40	4	2.40	1.08	.90	.90	.60	.....	.....	1.00
Total.....		1016	123	1139	27	1767	365	1737	201	\$ 383.40	\$ 181.04	\$ 146.73	\$ 149.80	\$100.60	.....	\$ 229.74	\$110.75

# NEW YORK CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1908

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

BENJAMIN A. SCULL, *Secretary*

C. A. KRESS, *Assistant Secretary*

J. WINTSCH, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, O. D. Seward.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—W. B. Bertels.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—M. B. Myer, W. J. Mosedale, A. R. Henry, A. L. DeMund.

*On Reforms*—A. W. Myer, D. J. Santmier, C. A. Beyer.

*On Education*—H. W. Armstrong, O. V. Ketels, C. A. Kress, C. H. O'Brien.

*On Publications*—J. E. Payne, J. W. Tamblin, J. Finch.

*On Sunday-schools*—B. A. Scull, O. C. Ketels, Luella Sands, Frances McLaughlin.

*On State of the Work*—G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, C. O. Schantz, W. B. Bertels.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—J. Cavanaugh, F. G. Mathews.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—F. G. Mathews,

*On Sunday-schools*—O. C. Ketels.

*On Education*—C. A. Kress,

*On Publications*—A. W. Myer,

*On State of the Work*—A. G. Miller.

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## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents);  
second quarter, General Missions (— cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents);  
third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (— cents); fourth quarter,  
Bishops' Salaries (— cents).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

W. Gould,	O. V. Ketels,	S. V. McVey,
G. Eakins,	C. F. Wurster,	J. Wintsch,
J. W. Tamblyn,	D. J. Santmier,	A. G. Miller,
W. B. Rose,	J. T. Logan,	O. D. Seward,
J. Cavanaugh,	H. W. Armstrong,	J. E. Payne,
A. W. Myer,	M. B. Myer,	C. A. Kress,
B. A. Scull,	W. J. Mosedale,	O. C. Ketels,
W. H. VanNess,	G. W. Kopp,	F. F. Shoup.

### DELEGATES

Luther Poole,	J. H. Finch,	W. B. Bertels,
A. L. DeMund,	A. R. Henry,	C. O. Schantz,
B. G. Ely,	B. C. Fuller,	R. B. Paul,
J. Rider,	Anna T. Miller,	Lucy Martin,
J. Eberhard,	Luella Sands,	W. H. Swope,
Frances McLaughlin,	John Gardner,	C. H. O'Brien,
Margaret A. Wherry,	A. Beyer,	Mrs. Eugene F. Myer.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, W. B. Bertels, C. O. Schantz.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. Rider, Luther Ketels.

4. Who remain on trial? R. C. Smith, M. A. Parker.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? O. C. Ketels, W. H. Van Ness, George W. Kopp.

6. Who are the deacons? O. C. Ketels, W. H. VanNess, George W. Kopp.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. J. Mosedale.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9, 10. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. F. Shoup, from the Genesee conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. Scoville.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. W. Armstrong, D. J. Santmier.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character was passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.  
 25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At White Haven, Pennsylvania; time to be as near the second Wednesday in September, 1909, as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

## APPOINTMENTS

### NEW YORK DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder

Brooklyn.....	E. M. Sandys, supply
New York .....	O. V. Ketels
Newark.....	O. C. Ketels
Orange.....	C. H. O'Brien, supply
Dover and Amity.....	Luther Ketels
Phillipsburg .....	To be supplied
Allentown.....	O. D. Seward
White Haven, Beaumont and Sandy Valley.....	M. A. Parker

W. B. Rose, publishing agent; C. F. Wurster, left without appointment (Discipline, paragraph 94); W. Gould, supplying work in the Susquehanna conference; J. Scoville, withdrawn; G. Eakins, member of the New York district quarterly conference; D. J. Santmier, granted a certificate of his good standing.

### PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder

Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Vineland, C. A. Kress, A. R. Henry, supply	
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace.....	D. M. Thomas, supply
Alexandria and Washtington.....	John Cavanaugh
Rockville, Avery, Lay Hill and Spencerville.....	B. A. Scull
Baltimore, Alesia and Hamstead.....	W. J. Mosedale

### WILKES BARRE DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder

Wilkes Barre, Dorranceton, Nuangola and Berwick.....	A. W. Myer
Trucksville, Orange, Harveys Lake, Dallas and Plattsburg.....	M. B. Myer
Kasson Brook, East Lynn and Lake Carey.....	U. D. Barber, supply
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Meshoppen and Russell Hill.....	W. H. VanNess
Scranton .....	To be supplied
Waverly, Highland and Glenwood.....	Loren Wright, supply
Beech Lake and East Berlin.....	J. W. Tambllyn
Simon, Ariel and Pink.....	F. G. Mathews

J. T. Logan, editor of the *Free Methodist*; S. V. McVey, left without appointment (Discipline, paragraph 94); H. W. Armstrong, granted a certificate of his good standing; A. G. Miller, member of the Wilkes Barre district quarterly conference; F. F. Shoup, conference evangelist.

### WINDSOR DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder

Windsor and East Windsor.....	To be supplied
Thorn Hill and Bainbridge.....	J. E. Payne
Unadilla and Portlandville.....	To be supplied
Uniondale, Ararat, Stevens Point.....	A. H. Smith, supply
Oquaga Lake, Kenyon Hill and West Preston.....	F. D. Sanford, supply
Walton and East Brook.....	James Rider
Ferndale, Briscoe, Egypt and Berrybrook.....	J. Wintch
Big Hollow and North Settlement.....	Lucy Martin, supply
Allaben, Pine Hill and Bushnellville.....	To be supplied
Godeffroy, Milford and Port Jervis.....	J. B. Hultslander, supply

R. C. Smith, left without an appointment (Discipline, paragraph 94).



## CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Address
1863	W. Gould.....	11 Sheldon street, Norwich, New York
1872	S. V. McVey.....	Hollisterville, Pennsylvania
1874	O. V. Ketels.....	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1876	G. Eakins.....	Windsor, New York
1877	C. F. Wurster.....	Holtsville, Long Island, " "
1878	J. Wintch .....	Ferndale, " "
1878	J. W. Tambllyn.....	Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
1881	A. G. Miller.....	110 Bullman street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1882	W. B. Rose.....	14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan.....	14 North May street, Chicago, " "
1885	O. D. Seward....	444 Turner street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
1890	John Caynaugh.....	Alexandria, Virginia
1893	J. E. Payne.....	Windsor, New York
1896	A. W. Myer.....	Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
1898	M. B. Myer.....	Dallas, " "
1904	C. A. Kress, 2435 North College avenue, Philadelphia, Penn- sylvania	
1904	B. A. Scull.....	Silver Spring, R. F. D. 1., Maryland
1906	W. J. Mosedale....	3559 Beech avenue, Baltimore, " "
1908	F. G. Mathews.....	Simon, Pennsylvania
1908	O. C. Ketels.....	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1908	W. H. VanNess .....	Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
1908	G. W. Kopp.....	Lake Como, " "
1908	F. F. Shoup....	187 Sambourne street, Wilkes Barre, Penn- sylvania

Year of Admission on Trial	Name	Address
ON TRIAL		
1904	R. C. Smith.....	Allaben, New York
1907	M. A. Parker.....	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1908	James Rider.....	Walton, New York
1908	Luther Ketels.....	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey

## LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels, 19 East South street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania	A. Sergeant, Seventh and King streets, Wilmington, Delaware
J. T. Smith, Washington, District of Columbia	G. W. Swingle, South Canaan, Penn- sylvania
W. H. Laning....	Oaklyn, New Jersey

## LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

B. G. Ely.....	Pink, Pennsylvania	W. W. Bartholomew, Cortland, New York
A. R. Henry, 1719 North 25th street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		C. H. O'Brien, 70 Day street, Orange, New Jersey
E. S. Wolfe....	Milford, Pennsylvania	W. J. Barnes, Beech Lake, Pennsyl- vania
D. M. Thomas, Pleasant Hill, Mary- land		W. H. Sands.....
M. A. Parker, White Haven, Pennsylv- ania		Dover, New Jersey
E. D. Prentice, Starruca, Pennsylvania		U. D. Barber, Springfield, Pennsyl- vania

## EVANGELISTS

- \*Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, White Haven, Pennsylvania  
 \*Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New York  
 \*Mrs. Lillie B. Wood, Scranton, Pennsylvania  
 \*Miss A. E. Haviland, Rahway, New Jersey  
 Mrs. Emma Armstrong, Vineland, New Jersey  
 \*Mrs. Mattie E. Shaffer, White Haven, Pennsylvania  
 Mrs. Mary E. Walker, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania  
 Mrs. Louisa Smith, 524 East Sixth street, New York City  
 \*Mrs. Nellie M. Payne, Windsor, New York  
 \*Mrs. Ella S. Armstrong, Kittanning, Pennsylvania  
 Mrs. Fannie Peverill, Alexandria, Virginia  
 \*Mrs. Ellen M. Reed, Weymart, Pennsylvania  
 Mrs. Lulu Pantley, 63 Third street, Paterson, New Jersey

## LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

- B. C. Fuller...Waverly, Pennsylvania  
 E. F. Myer.....Godeffroy, New York  
 P. R. Phillips, Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania  
 A. W. Down, Dorranceton, Pennsylvania  
 C. H. Stahl, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania  
 J. D. Howard...Windham, New York  
 Z. A. Swingle....Simon, Pennsylvania  
 Loren Wright, Waverly, "  
 G. E. Lester, Equinunk, "  
 A. H. Smith, Uniondale, "  
 Isaac Sutton, R. F. D. 2, Pittston, Pennsylvania  
 S. O. Watson, White Haven, Pennsylvania  
 J. H. Kintner, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania  
 F. B. Sanford....Orson, Pennsylvania  
 S. J. Thickett, New Rochelle, New York  
 V. C. Ketels, 155 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, New York  
 R. P. Johnston, 363½ Twelfth street, Brooklyn, New York  
 William Hozier, White Haven, Pennsylvania  
 J. Wetherill, White Haven, Pennsylvania  
 B. F. Schantz, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania  
 G. Pendleton..Waverly, Pennsylvania  
 G. Peverill, 426 South Lee street, Alexandria, Virginia  
 Isaiah Parker, Congress Heights, Washington, District of Columbia  
 F. Kopp .....Lineboro, Maryland  
 Robert Graham, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 B. Armstrong...Vineland, New Jersey  
 James Norris...Baltimore, Maryland  
 W. F. A. Miller, 113 Clymer street, Brooklyn, New York  
 Harry Albaugh..Baltimore, Maryland  
 G. Brazee .....Walton, New York  
 C. A. Syreen.....Liberty, "  
 O. Olver...Beech Lake, Pennsylvania  
 W. Gendle, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania  
 E. H. Ryman,R. F. D. 1, Dallas, Pennsylvania  
 T. H. Jenkins, Dorranceton, Pennsylvania  
 J. S. Wolfe.....Ariel, Pennsylvania  
 W. C. Roushey, Trucksville, Pennsylvania  
 J. Q. Tompkins, 364 Eighteenth street, Brooklyn, New York  
 John Wagner, New York City, New York  
 L. Snitchler...Bainbridge, New York  
 J. G. Hessler,  
 J. B. Hultslander, Matamoris, Pennsylvania

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth annual session of the New York conference was held at Allentown, Pennsylvania, September 16-19, 1908. Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided with great ability. His sermons and exhortations were a special

\*Licensed by annual conference.

help and encouragement to the members of the conference. Four peaceful and harmonious sittings were held.

A. G. Miller and G. Eakins were re-elected traveling district elders.

Rev. F. G. Mathews, Edwin P. Sellew and his wife, Virginia Sellew, Sister Rebecca Sellew, Sister Mary E. Santmier, E. M. Sandys, Rev. W. G. Gehman, presiding elder of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, L. D. Perkins, financial agent of the Gerry Orphanage and Home; E. M. Cassel and J. C. Roth, ministers in the church of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, were introduced to the conference, and with all who are on trial in the conference, and those serving as supplies, were invited to honorary seats.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—Raised, \$25.50.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS—Appropriations for next year: Emma H. Haviland and children, \$100; two children of Thomas W. Scull, deceased, \$72.

Missionary Board treasurer—Raised, \$507.74; deficiency of last year, \$17.56; Rev. J. Scoville, \$240; D. M. Thomas, \$120; W. H. VanNess, \$100; W. J. Mosedale, \$120. Total paid, \$597.56; due treasurer, \$89.82.

## NEW YORK CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	Place	Time	President	Secretary
1	Brooklyn, New York	September 3, 1874	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
2	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	September 1, 1875	"	"
3	Windsor, New York	September 27, 1876	E. P. Hart	"
4	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	September 12, 1877	"	E. P. Sellew
5	Rahway, New Jersey	September 4, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
6	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	September 3, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
7	Brooklyn, New York	September 8, 1880	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
8	Dover, New Jersey	September 6, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
9	Windsor, New York	August 30, 1882	B. T. Roberts	W. B. Rose
10	Uniondale, Pennsylvania	August 30, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
11	Philadelphia, "	September 3, 1884	B. T. Roberts	"
12	South Canaan, "	September 2, 1885	E. P. Hart	"
13	Brooklyn, New York	August 11, 1886	B. T. Roberts	"
14	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	March 9, 1887	"	"
15	Philadelphia, "	March 7, 1888	"	"
16	Dover, New Jersey	March 13, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
17	Vineland, New Jersey	August 6, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
18	Bainbridge, New York	September 9, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
19	South Canaan, Pennsylvania	September 14, 1892	G. W. Coleman	J. T. Logan
20	Alexandria, Virginia	October 11, 1893	W. T. Hogue	"
21	Dover, New Jersey	September 19, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
22	Windsor, New York	October 2, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
23	South Canaan, Pennsylvania	September 30, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
24	Philadelphia, "	October 3, 1897	E. P. Hart	"
25	Wilkes-Barre, "	October 5, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
26	Allentown, "	September 20, 1899	B. R. Jones	"
27	Meshoppen, "	September 12, 1900	E. P. Hart	"
28	Alexandria, Virginia	September 18, 1901	G. W. Coleman	"
29	Allentown, Pennsylvania	September 24, 1902	W. A. Sellew	"
30	Wilkes-Barre, "	September 16, 1903	B. R. Jones	"
31	South Canaan, "	September 14, 1904	W. H. Clark	"
32	White Haven, "	September 13, 1905	W. T. Hogue	"
33	Wilkes-Barre, "	September 19, 1906	W. A. Sellew	"
34	Dover, New Jersey	September 18, 1907	B. R. Jones	B. A. Scull
35	Allentown, Pennsylvania	September 16, 1908	W. A. Sellew	"

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## I.—ON COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, First, That we heartily thank God for the splendid weather granted unto us at this time, and also for the realization of His presence in our midst.

*Resolved*, Second, That we appreciate the genial presence, business-like qualities and efficient service of the presiding officer, Bishop W. A. Sellew.

*Resolved*, Third, That we deeply regret the sickness of our beloved Bishops Hart and Hogue, and pray that in the providence of God they may be spared to years of usefulness in our midst.

*Resolved*, Fourth, That much credit is due our beloved Brother Seward, who so faithfully and successfully attended to the duties falling to him as pastor of the church which so kindly entertained the conference.

*Resolved*, Fifth, That we heartily thank the members and friends of the church, who so warmly welcomed us to their hearts and homes.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
NEW YORK DISTRICT												
Brooklyn.....		\$ 2 10	\$ 2 08	\$ 2 50	\$ 624 00	\$250	\$ 85 76	\$ 14 50	1	\$ 12000	1	\$ 4000
New York.....	\$ 2 62		25 00	1 55	363 00		85 50		1	18000		
Newark.....	1 00		83 56	2 40	624 00	150	105 00	4 00	1	7000	1	1000
Dover and Amity.....	90	84	30 39	1 20	309 00		63 05		1	5000		
Orange.....				25								
Phillipsburg.....	1 00			10					1	2200		
Allentown.....	5 00		94 30	2 15	437 12	150	118 45	30 00	1	3500	1	2000
White Haven, Beaumont, etc.....			50 00	3 20	426 36		64 21	10 00	1	900		
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT												
*Philadelphia, W. Phila., etc.....	1 00	1 00	35 32	1 00	385 00		72 96		2	10000	1	2000
Pleasant Hill, Havre de Grace..		2 00			223 00		40 36		1	800		
Alexandria and Washington.....			21 00	2 20	443 04	166	77 61		1	1000		
Rockville, Lay Hill, Avery, etc..	4 55	2 00	36 80	4 25	596 68		98 52		2	3300		
Baltimore and Alesia.....		5 30	65 00	1 95	782 00		65 84		1	7000		
WILKES BARRE DISTRICT												
Wilkes Barre.....			47 16	1 35	702 00		60 00	35 00	1	10000		
Dorrancton, Trucksville, etc.....			78 08	2 45	511 53	102	82 17	8 05	3	3000	1	1500
Prospect Hill, Russell Hill, etc..			25 00		372 96		82 11	300 00	3	2800	1	250
Waverly, Scranton, etc.....				2 65	186 43		68 88		2	2700		
Beech Lake and East Berlin.....			27 25	1 70	472 44		57 51		1	1800		
Simon, Ariel and Pink.....			18 50	3 15	450 00	30	84 13		2	1500	1	500
WINDSOR DISTRICT												
Windsor, East Windsor, etc.....				1 85	375 81	60	74 92		2	2900	1	800
Unadilla, Portlandville, etc.....				75	3 81		23 25		1	800		
Uniondale, Ararat, Stevens Pt..				45			41 90		2	1600		
Oquaga Lake, Kenyon Hill, etc..		70	6 00	2 25	222 24		54 43	5 71	2	1500		
Walton.....			12 14	1 25	50 00		46 32	14 00	1	1000		
Liberty Falls, Busco, etc.....			19 35	2 35	475 31	75	92 71		2	2500	1	1500
Big Hollow, North Settlement..	64			1 05	174 11	45			1	800	1	1000
Allaben, Pine Hill, etc.....	1 37	1 84	13 00	1 67	69 78				1	1200		
Godeffroy and Milford.....		1 25	23 49	80	25 06		44 10	25 00	1	1400		
Conference Missionary.....							240 00					
District Elder New York and Philadelphia Districts.....							1009 16					
District Elder Wilkes Barre and Windsor Districts.....							1056 56					
Total.....	\$18 08	\$17 03	\$ 919 34	\$46 47	\$9304 68	1028	2305 72	\$ 446 26 39		\$ 106200	10	\$1455

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, WILKES BARRE AND WINDSOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
NEW YORK DISTRICT																																
Brooklyn.....	A. G. Miller, District Elder															49	8	57	4	1	1	8	103	17	20 00	9 00	12 50	7 50	5 00	.....	71 50	14 55
New York.....	E. Blevins, supply															29	3	32	1	1	7	28	6	12 40	5 83	7 75	4 65	3 10	.....	12 11	37 50	
Newark.....	O. V. Ketels.....															47	4	51	2	1	13	90	8	19 20	8 64	4 32	12 00	7 25	4 80	.....	45 00	146 48
Dover and Amity.....	C. H. VanNess.....															27	9	36	2	1	6	48	5	9 00	2 60	4	3 00	2 40	.....	1 60	31 00	
Orange.....	C. H. O'Brien, supply															4	7	11	1	1	1	3	3	2	2 00	1 25	75	3 00	.....	.....	.....	
Philipsburg.....	Supplied.....															4	1	5	1	1	1	9	60	11	17 30	7 74	10 75	4 35	.....	2 00	5 00	
Albion.....	D. Seward.....															45	1	46	1	1	1	9	60	11	17 30	7 74	10 75	4 35	.....	24 31	24 60	
White Haven.....	M. A. Parker.....															66	14	80	3	4	12	80	16	25 60	11 52	16 00	9 60	6 40	.....	41 00	5 00	
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT																																
.....	A. G. Miller, District Elder															24	7	31	5	1	2	7	35	5	8 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	.....	.....	8 03	
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace.....	C. A. Kress, A. R. Henry, sup's.															30	.....	30	.....	1	7	80	2	3 35	2 00	3 00	1 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	
Alexandria and Washington.....	A. W. Myer.....															46	2	48	2	1	1	7	35	4	17 50	7 92	11 00	6 00	4 40	.....	2 02	10 02
Rockville, Lay Hill, Avery, etc.....	B. A. Scull.....															82	3	85	1	1	3	14	80	6	34 00	15 30	21 25	12 75	8 50	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore and Alesia.....	W. J. Mosedale.....															50	9	59	4	1	2	10	145	14	15 60	7 02	9 75	5 85	3 90	.....	74 70	.....
WILKES BARRE DISTRICT																																
Wilkes Barre.....	G. Eakins, District Elder															29	21	50	2	1	10	75	16	10 30	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	26 00	654 21	
Dorranconville, Trucksville, etc.....	J. Cavanaugh.....															63	8	71	3	5	26	115	19	19 60	8 82	12 25	7 35	4 90	.....	.....	464 41	
Prospect Hill, Russell Hill, etc.....	J. B. Myer.....															62	24	86	2	2	15	3	21	20	9 64	10 98	9 15	4 13	.....	.....	13 50	
Watson Falls, N. York.....	F. G. Matthews, supply															48	7	55	3	2	14	70	8	21 20	9 64	9 17	7 95	5 36	.....	4 62	.....	
Liberty Falls, N. York.....	John W. Ambly, supply															33	2	35	1	1	8	40	6	13 60	6 12	8 50	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	34 54	
Elk Horn and N. York Settlement.....	J. W. Tamblyn.....															60	6	66	4	2	1	9	39	13	25 20	11 34	15 75	9 45	6 30	.....	133 00	16 13
Albion, Pine Hill, etc.....	H. W. Armstrong.....															36	2	38	1	1	5	15	8	14 30	6 66	9 25	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	.....	
Godeffroy and Milford.....	G. Eakins, District Elder															36	2	38	1	1	5	15	8	14 30	6 66	9 25	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	.....	
WINDSOR DISTRICT																																
Windsor, East Windsor, etc.....	J. E. Payne.....															27	1	28	2	1	.....	.....	.....	3 60	1 62	2 25	1 30	90	.....	.....	.....	
Unadilla, Portlandville, Bainbridge.....	Supplied.....															27	1	28	2	1	.....	.....	.....	3 60	1 62	2 25	1 30	90	.....	.....	.....	
Uniondale, Ararat, Stevens Point, etc.....	A. H. Smith.....															35	17	52	1	1	4	24	3	18 00	8 10	3 80	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	4 75	
Oquaga Lake, Kenyon Hill, etc.....	E. D. Prentice, { supplies.															35	17	52	1	1	3	23	3	10 00	4 50	6 55	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....	
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, etc.....	John G. Hessler, supply															47	3	50	1	1	14	55	9	18 80	8 46	11 75	7 05	4 70	.....	2 00	8 00	
Watson Falls, N. York.....	Lucy Martin, supply															21	1	22	1	2	14	55	9	18 80	8 46	11 75	7 05	4 70	.....	.....	.....	
Liberty Falls, N. York.....	J. W. Ambly, supply															47	3	50	1	1	14	55	9	18 80	8 46	11 75	7 05	4 70	.....	.....	.....	
Elk Horn and N. York Settlement.....	R. C. Smith.....															32	1	33	1	1	3	24	1	13 20	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	.....	3 91	.....	
Albion, Pine Hill, etc.....	Supplied.....															32	1	33	1	1	3	24	1	13 20	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	.....	2 03	.....	
Godeffroy and Milford.....	E. S. Wolfe, E. F. Myer, supplies.															29	1	30	3	1	5	22	7	6 40	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	.....	149 00	.....	
Conference missionary.....																																
Dist. Elder N. Y. and Phila. Dist.....																																
Dist. E. Wilkes Barre and Windsor Dist.....																																
Total.....	.....															1049	163	1211	51	10	38	228	1445	180	\$401 33	\$131 10	\$222 30	\$150 20	\$103 53	.....	\$602 43	\$1172 39



# OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT SENTINEL,  
OKLAHOMA, SEPTEMBER 2-5, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

T. H. ALLEN, *Secretary*

O. L. DAVENPORT, *Assistant Secretary*

G. M. HADDUCK, *Treasurer*

C. E. HARROUN, JR., *Sunday-school Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, T. H. Allen, C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. L. Brown.

*On Education*—C. E. Harroun, Jr., E. A. Andrews, J. M. Seacord.

*On Publications*—E. A. Andrews, E. O. Davenport, George Seacord.

*On Secret Societies*—Melvin Wright, J. L. Brown, W. W. Bentley.

*On Sunday-schools*—E. O. Davenport, C. E. Harroun, Jr., Rilla Allen.

*On Prohibition*—N. C. Swigart, Harry Peacock, J. M. Blakely.

*On Sabbath Observance*—J. W. McIrvin, C. W. Van Treese, Pearl Holmes.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—George Seacord, M. L. Lancaster, Anna Batchelder.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—Slade Freer.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Charities*—T. H. Allen, J. L. Brown, Rilla Allen.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts*—C. E. Harroun, Jr., O. L. Davenport.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—C. E. Harroun, Jr.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On the State of the Work*—T. H. Allen, *On Publications*—Melvin Wright,

*On Ministerial Efficiency*—C. E. Harroun, Jr., *On Sunday-schools*—Slade Freer,

*On Education*—O. L. Davenport,

*On Reforms*—M. L. Lancaster, *On Charities*—C. W. Van Treese.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Allen, president; C. E. Harroun, Jr., secretary; J. L. Brown, treasurer;  
G. M. Hadduck, N. L. Anderson.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. E. Harroun, Jr., president, term expires in 1911; T. H. Allen, secretary,  
term expires in 1910; J. L. Brown, term expires in 1909.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. H. Allen, president; C. E. Harroun, Jr., for one year; G. L. Anderson, for  
two years; J. L. Brown, treasurer; J. M. Blakely, for three years.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rilla Allen, president, Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. Effie Carver, treasurer  
and corresponding secretary, Cashion, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lizzie Brown, first



vice-president, Geary, Oklahoma; Mrs. Maud Campbell, second vice-president, Sunset, Oklahoma; Mrs. Anna Fisher, recording secretary, Wakita, Oklahoma; Mrs. Bessie Andrews, librarian, Geary, Oklahoma; Mrs. Glendora Bugg, Junior superintendent, Nashville, Oklahoma.

#### ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

#### PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun, Jr.,	J. L. Brown,	T. H. Allen,
Slade Freer,	C. W. Van Treese,	N. C. Swigart,
Melvin Wright,	G. M. Haddock,	E. O. Davenport,
W. E. McWilliams,	O. L. Davenport,	E. A. Andrews,
T. D. North,	Harry Peacock,	J. W. McIrvin,
M. L. Lancaster,	D. C. Sparks,	H. O. Radford,
L. M. Tinker,	C. E. Harroun, Sr.,	C. Mattenly,
J. K. Webb,	A. Stedwell,	J. M. Reilly,
J. H. Brittain,	J. H. Wright,	

#### DELEGATES

George Evinger,	Anna Batchelder,	J. P. Jordon,
J. M. Blakely,	Trueman Gilbert,	H. J. Musser,
J. M. Seacord,	H. H. Isbell,	Ida Barnes,
Rilla Allen,	George Seacord,	Sarah West,
W. W. Bentley,	R. L. Easterling,	Maud Campbell,
N. L. Anderson,	A. H. Broadbooks,	Mrs. P. A. Doughty,
Pearl Holmes,	H. C. Abbott,	L. Street,
D. P. Anderson,	Abbie K. Wall,	R. M. Reed,
George W. Blakely,	R. B. Cook,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, J. L. Brown, George Evinger, N. L. Anderson, J. M. Seacord.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? G. W. Bugg, M. V. Whetzell.

4. Who remain on trial? Carey Fisher, E. N. Cobb, W. F. Campbell, W. O. Newell, U. S. Pitsenberger.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. H. Wright.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. McWilliams, E. O. Davenport, T. D. North, D. C. Sparks, J. K. Webb, E. A. Andrews, O. L. Davenport, J. H. Wright, H. H. Isbell (local, ordained this year).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Harry Peacock.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. K. Webb, J. M. Reilly, D. C. Sparks, L. M. Tinker.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. Mattenly, H. O. Radford.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. H. Brittain, from the Platte River conference; M. L. Lancaster, from the Texas conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. Stedwell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character was passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., \$150; C. Matlenly, \$150; the children of E. D. Welis, \$25.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Enid, Oklahoma, in the park in connection with a conference camp-meeting, to commence the first Wednesday in September, 1909, if consistent with the plan of the bishop. The camp-meeting is to commence on the Friday preceding the conference.

## APPOINTMENTS

PONCA DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder, Augusta, Oklahoma  
 Ponca, Maple Grove, Uncas and Newkirk....Slade Freer, Kildare, Oklahoma  
 Tonkawa and Whiterock.....W. O. Newell, Tonkawa, "  
 Perry and Lone Elm.....G. M. Hadduck, Perry, "  
 Yale and Antioch.....E. N. Cobb, Yale, "  
 Pleasant Valley and Spring Creek.....M. C. Paul, supply, Coyle, "  
 Manford, Muskogee, Tulsa and Bartlesville.....To be supplied  
 G. W. Sumpter, discontinued from probationers' list, church membership at Perry, Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder

Guthrie.....Harry Peacock, 1124 West Mansur street, Guthrie, Oklahoma  
 Oklahoma City, J. H. Brittain, 1510 West Sixth street, Oklahoma City, "  
 Harrah, Brittain and Mustang.....  
 .....Anna Batchelder, supply, Oklahoma City, "  
 Norman, Purcell and Sulphur....J. N. Mellinger, supply, Norman, "  
 Chandler and Wellston.....U. S. Pitsenberger, Wellston, "  
 Waterloo .....To be supplied

H. O. Radford, superannuated without claim, Guthrie, R. F. D. 2, Oklahoma; C. E. Harroun, Jr., member of the Guthrie district quarterly conference.

ENID DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder, Enid, Oklahoma

Enid and Waukomis....E. O. Davenport, 324 West Oak street, Enid, Oklahoma  
 Garber and Elmdale.....To be supplied  
 Nashville .....G. W. Bugg, Nashville, Oklahoma  
 Eddy, Satchel Valley and Medford.....J. H. Wright, Eddy, "  
 Wakita and Prairie Queen.....Carey Fisher, Wakita, "

J. K. Webb, supernumerary, Enid, Oklahoma; T. H. Allen, member of the Enid district quarterly conference.

## CLEO DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder

Wisby and Clymer.....C. W. VanTreese, Augusta, Oklahoma  
 Augusta, Helena and Aline.....O. L. Davenport, Augusta, "  
 Isabella, Ames and Dane.....J. S. Cornish, supply, Isabella, "  
 Moscow and Cedardale.....H. F. Cooper, supply, Mutual, "  
 Green Valley and Franklin schoolhouse, J. W. McIrvin, Capron, R. 2, "  
 Woodward and Star schoolhouse.....I. N. Chance, supply, Supply, "

C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. Mattenly, superannuated, Augusta, Oklahoma;  
 J. M. Reilly, supernumerary, Mutual, Oklahoma; A. Stedwell, given certificate of good standing with a view of transferring to the Platte River conference.

## BEAVER DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder

Beaver City and Sunset.....W. F. Campbell, Sunset, Oklahoma  
 Cline and Doby Springs.....George Seacord, supply, Cline, "  
 Guymon .....O. D. Marlow, supply, Guymon, "

## GEARY DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder, Geary, Oklahoma

Geary.....E. A. Andrews, Geary, Oklahoma  
 Cashion and Bethel.....W. E. McWilliams, Cashion, "  
 Watonga and Etna.....To be supplied  
 Dillon, Liberty Chapel and Oakwood.....T. D. North, Dillon, Oklahoma  
 Seiling and Camargo.....N. C. Swigart, Seiling, "  
 Thomas.....Abbie K. Wall, supply, Thomas, "

D. C. Sparks, supernumerary, Seiling, Oklahoma; J. L. Brown, member of the Geary district quarterly conference; L. M. Tinker, supernumerary.

## HOBART DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Port and Zion chapel.....M. L. Lancaster, Sentinel, Oklahoma  
 Canute, Elk City and Hefner.....W. H. Maddox, Canute, "  
 Lone Wolf, Roosevelt and Ernest schoolhouse.....To be supplied  
 Erick and Texola.....To be supplied

## CHICKASHA DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Chickasha.....Melvin Wright, Chickasha, Oklahoma  
 Anadarko and Verden.....M. V. Whetzell, Anadarko, "  
 Lawton, Apache and Olden.....To be supplied

## MISCELLANEOUS

The tenth annual session was held in connection with a conference camp-meeting, September 2-5, 1908. The camp was located on the farm of J. R. McNabb, eight miles northwest of Sentinel, Oklahoma. About one hundred tents and covered wagons were occupied by about five hundred tenters. The congregations were large and attentive. A goodly number were saved. Harmony and a good degree of the Spirit prevailed.

Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided with marked ability, gave several practical addresses to the conference, and preached four able and spiritual sermons.

W. G. McVey represented the publishing house, and made a good sale of books.

J. H. Wright and H. H. Isbell were ordained deacons. Harry Peacock was ordained elder.

G. M. Hadduck was re-elected conference treasurer; C. E. Harroun, Jr., was re-elected Sunday-school secretary.

Rev. B. Winget and wife were in attendance in the interest of foreign missions. Brother Winget preached twice and held a missionary service

on Sunday afternoon; \$750 was received on subscription for missions. Sister Winget held some interesting services with the children.

The W. F. M. S. received during the year for missions, \$1,256.56.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$147.06.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$326.80.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$40.85.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$204.25.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Assessed and paid, \$122.55.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$81.70.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$32.01.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$53.39.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$22.08.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$1,256.56.

### ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS

L. C. Gould, Pleasant Valley, Oklahoma	M. C. Paul.....Coyle, Oklahoma
H. H. Isbell.....Isabella, Oklahoma	J. W. Linton.....Norman, "
H. K. Bowerman, Hennessey, Oklahoma	James Tiernon ....Purcell, "
J. W. Hough...Waukomis, Oklahoma	George Seacord ....Cline, "
G. B. Hall..Guthrie, No. 4, "	Ira Putney .....Cline, "
	A. S. Doughty...Tonkawa, "

### CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

J. H. Grovier....Guymon, Oklahoma	Anna Fisher.....Wakita, Oklahoma
Phebe Grovier ...Guymon, "	M. Nue .....Augusta, "
Lydia A. Newberry..Enid, "	Anna Batchelder, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Lucy M. Sutton.....Enid, "	

### LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Lou C. Cornelius, Doxey, No. 4, Oklahoma	Parmelia Welch...Wakita, Oklahoma
Georganah North...Dillon, Oklahoma	Rossetta Bass .....Dillon, "
Anna L. Witteman, Guthrie, "	Abbie K. Wall....Thomas, "
	Ida Barnes .....Thomas, "

### LOCAL PREACHERS—LICENSED

O. D. Marlow....Guymon, Oklahoma	C. L. North.....Sparks, Oklahoma
Charles Catlett, Cedardale, "	S. J. Smith.....Wakita, "
R. M. Reed....Cedardale, "	Arthur Myers ....Geary, "
W. H. Maddox....Canute, "	S. B. Walter.....Mutual, "
J. H. Castleberry, Arapaho, "	J. H. Bass.....Dillon, "
C. T. Reese.....Canute, "	H. J. Musser.....Fay, "
W. S. Vanderhoofven, Port, "	L. G. Hobert....Chandler, "
Samuel Dir ....Sulphur, "	George W. Blakely, Wellston, Oklahoma
A. E. Lewis.....Guthrie, "	
W. G. Houseman, Guymon, "	Frank Carver....Cashion, Oklahoma
Cecil Devore .....Sophia, "	G. W. Sumpter....Perry, "
T. J. Murphy....Norman, "	Z. B. Paramore...Wakita, "
W. S. Clester.....Alden, "	I. M. Chance.....Supply, "
W. C. Fair, 1710 Elgin avenue, Muskogee, Oklahoma	J. N. Mellinger...Norman, "
	H. F. Cooper.....Mutual, "

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON EDUCATION.

So long as children are born, the subject of education will be an important one. Whatever of disparity there may be in the birth of children in other particulars, in one respect they are all born alike. The child of the king, and the child of the slave; the child of the rich, and the child of the poor; the child of the philosopher, and the child of the illiterate; each and every one is born in a state of absolute ignorance. All knowledge is acquired subsequent to birth.

A great responsibility therefore rests upon those who bring a child life into being. The nurturing of that human life, so as to develop the native faculties in their relations to each other, and to furnish the understanding with that variety of knowledge which shall equip it for the practical duties and experiences of life, is a grave duty and high honor.

The ultimate object in education should be personal character. Character is vastly more important than conquest. A bad person may do things that are good; he may do many good things. He will also do things that are bad. But a good man can not knowingly do bad things. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them," so said He who spake as never man spake. (Matt. 12:23.)

Therefore, what we are, is far more important than what we do. The inherent quality of what we do, being a true index of what we are.

How pertinent is the following from De Fellenberg: "I call that education which embraces the culture of the whole man, with all his faculties, subjecting his senses, his understanding and his passions to reason, to conscience and the evangelical laws of the Christian revelation."

For two generations there has been a growing tendency in our public schools to ignore the *moral* education of the youth. Much, and expert attention has been given to intellectual and physical education. This we should have done, and not left the other undone.

The effect of this delinquency in moral and religious education is apparent in our social, political and commercial activities. We are persuaded, however, that in recent years there has been an awakening to the necessity of the moral and religious element in education, if we are to have the best and most practical results.

The words of Channing are significant and are worthy of careful consideration by all who are engaged in educational work. He says, "The exaltation of talent as it is called, above virtue and religion, is the curse of the age. Education is now chiefly a stimulus to learning, and thus man acquires power without the principles which alone make it good. Talent is worshiped; but if divorced from rectitude, it will prove more of a demon than a god."

Believing that our denominational schools in this educational work seek, as the goal of their effort, the development of true character in their students, we most heartily recommend them, and urge all who can do so, to aid in their maintenance, and also to secure them students.

Inasmuch as this conference last year said in its adopted report, "We regret we have no denominational school of our own within our borders, or of easy access," your committee recommend that a committee of five be elected by this conference to consider and report at the next session of this conference, 1. As to the advisability of establishing a school of seminary grade within the bounds of the Oklahoma conference. 2. To secure if possible the consent of the Board of Education for the Oklahoma conference to promote such a school. 3. To consider the subject of location, and report any proposals of site or aid which may be made by individuals or communities. 4. To present to this conference at its next session some outlined method of financing the enterprise if it shall be promoted. 5. In behalf of this conference to propose to the managers of the Orleans Seminary, that they negotiate



the sale of their property, and unite with the Oklahoma conference and contiguous territory, in locating a seminary somewhat central for our conferences west of the Missouri River.

## II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Publications are many. The hours spent in reading are few. Therefore if we can read the *best* and not merely good literature, we have actually added some years to our lives, measuring life by what we crowd into it.

The moral tone of that printed matter which approaches nearest to the Bible standard of human conduct and character is unquestionably the best. At least seventy-five per cent. of the literature in circulation at the present is unworthy the notice of any Christian. If the worthlessness of this literature was the only feature we could ignore its existence, but knowing the injurious effects, to warn against its perusal becomes our duty.

To consider the subject as it relates to our own denomination is more particularly the intention of this report. The Free Methodist church as a denomination is separate and distinct from all others; and if we would be as great a blessing in the future as we have been in the past we must maintain this position. To this end let each department of the church bear the brang of Free Methodism. Our publications should be no exception to this rule. Therefore we urge those among us who have the ability, to write articles for the various departments of our church paper, especially the "Holiness" department, in order that its pages need not be filled with clippings from other periodicals which is too much the case.

We note with approval the books now circulating among us from Free Methodist authors and hope that the number will increase. We also note with pleasure the fact that there are more copies of the *Free Methodist* taken in the Oklahoma conference in proportion to the membership than in thirty-four other conferences throughout the connection.

We disapprove of any individual in the Free Methodist church editing or publishing, as a personal enterprise, a religious periodical and obtaining subscribers for the same among our members for the following reasons: 1. It interferes with the circulation of the regular authorized denominational publications. 2. Such a course tends toward independency or a lack of church loyalty. 3. It prevents free action on the part of the church in providing for the publication of additional periodicals as they are thought to be necessary.

There are so many of these private enterprises springing up that sell books as well as print papers, that it affects the sale of books at the publishing house. "These things ought not so to be." We suggest that the Executive Committee at its next meeting consider the matter.

Since the Board of Education not only has to do with our existing educational institutions but with any others which may yet be started it would seem that the executive committee, which has the general supervision of the publishing interests of the church during the interim of the general conference sessions, should have equal authority; and it would seem to be the duty of any loyal Free Methodist before engaging in a personal enterprise which would effect the "publishing interests of the church" to confer with and secure the approval of the executive committee.

We believe that conference papers tend toward sectionalism and that the harm done in interfering with the circulation of the *Free Methodist* is greater than the good they accomplish. We desire to see the circulation of the *Free Methodist* increased. We urge all our preachers and class leaders to familiarize themselves each week with the contents of the paper and both in public and private to frequently speak of the excellent things they have found therein.

We recommend that at all our large gatherings some suitable person be appointed, by those in charge, who shall, without commission, distribute sample copies, represent and take subscriptions for the *Free Methodist*.



## III.—ON CHARITIES.

Nothing is more becoming a profession of faith in Christ than devotion to the proper care of the sick, the aged, and the poor. St. Paul, in writing to Timothy, says: "This is a faithful saying, and these I will that thou affirm constantly; that they which have believed may be careful to maintain good works." And with respect to the feeding of the hungry, the visitation of the sick, and of such as are in prison, Jesus tells us the King will at last say to those on His right hand, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me;" and to those upon His left hand, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

As Free Methodists we should abound everywhere in works of charity and beneficence. Like the early Methodists we should be noted for the visitation of the poor, the sick, the unfortunate, and those who are in prison, and for ministering to their needs. Especially should we make it an important part of our work to care for our own poor and to look after the widows and orphans who are in need wherever we find them.

We rejoice exceedingly that we have several incorporated, accredited, well-conducted and effective institutions among us, devoted to caring for orphan children and for indigent and needy aged people. These are:

1. The Orphanage and Home of the Free Methodist church, situated at Gerry, New York, with fine separate buildings for the children and the old people; with a school for the children, church privileges for all, a fine farm operated in the interest of the institution and a record of about twenty years in which all its affairs have been wisely administered.

2. The Chicago Industrial Home for Children at Woodstock, Illinois, with official headquarters in Chicago. This institution has for about a quarter of a century been caring for neglected and unfortunate children, whether orphans or not, training them intellectually and industrially, and finally placing them in Christian homes. It has won a high degree of merit, such as should commend it to the favorable recognition of all our people.

3. The Old Peoples' Rest Home at Woodstock, Illinois, is a duly incorporated institution, caring for aged and dependent people in a way and on conditions quite similar to those of the institution at Gerry, New York. These all are institutions of our own church, regularly reporting their work and all moneys received and disbursed to the proper authorities; and we commend them to the recognition and financial support of all our people. Such institutions need not only donations, bequests, etc., in money, but clothing, provisions, and reading matter. All our brethren and local societies should do what they can to supply these needs.

We recommend that our people in the Oklahoma conference remember these institutions in preference to such as are not in any sense of the word Free Methodist institutions.

We further recommend that the committee *On Charities* be made a standing committee for the year, with whom our people can correspond in reference to the needs of our charitable institutions, as to how to aid them, and with whom the superintendents of such institutions can correspond and through whom they may co-operate at any time in getting their cause before our people generally.

## IV.—ON PROHIBITION.

Never in the history of the cause of prohibition has there been such encouraging conditions as now exist. There seems to be a general, widespread awakening, sweeping over the nation, which will, if it continues, speedily bring about an abolition of the abominable traffic in alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

Since our President signed the Statehood bill and our governor took his oath of office, an apparent change has taken place in Oklahoma. Most of the buildings of our towns where alcoholic drinks were sold, only to ruin manhood

and womanhood, blight homes, make wives widows, and children orphans, are now occupied by legitimate and prosperous business interests.

The banks of our state report a larger amount of money on deposit than at any time in our history as a state; and that many of the depositors are men who formerly squandered their earnings at the saloon bar, and brought their families into distress and poverty. At the end of six weeks of statehood our governor declared that, from the statements of the liquor men, the state had saved a million dollars as a result of prohibition.

Soberness is now manifested among a multitude who, previous to state-wide prohibition, were almost continually in the gutter.

For these omens of good we should thank God and take courage, and yet we must not forget that the drink evil is not yet so dead and forgotten, or its supporters so discouraged, that we may give up the battle and beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

The important question that demands the attention of the people of Oklahoma at this time is the "Senate Bill, No. 61." We quote the following from the official pamphlet of state questions as an argument in favor of the Agency bill:

"The Article on Prohibition, submitted separately and adopted by the people at the last election as a part of the Oklahoma Constitution, specifically authorizes the Legislature to do what it has done in passing the Billups Law (Senate Bill 61), including the establishing of agencies for the sale of liquors for medical and scientific purposes in towns of two thousand population.

"Article I of said law establishes such agencies in such size towns. It also proposes to authorize the agency superintendent, with the approval of the governor, to establish them in towns of one thousand population, or wherever else public necessity demands because of distance from another agency, etc.; but to do this the constitution must be amended.

"The purpose of the proposed amendment is, that the people living in the country or smaller towns may not be put to so much more inconvenience than the people living in the cities, whenever they have to buy liquors for medicine.

"The size of towns where agencies may be established is the only respect wherein this measure proposes a change in the constitution.

"If a majority of the people vote 'yes' on this question, besides the agencies now established, the agency superintendent and governor will be authorized to establish them in smaller towns when necessary; but if a majority on this subject vote 'no,' the agencies already established will be discontinued.

"In any event prohibition of liquor for beverage purposes will continue. The question of prohibition or no prohibition is not involved in this election. The only difference will be, that if this question is voted down, there will be no lawful way in this state to buy alcohol or other intoxicating liquors when required by the physician for medicinal purposes."

The argument as quoted has reference to Articles I. and II. of soil bill which contains the feature that is in question in the minds of many who are in favor of absolute prohibition, or the sale of alcohol for medical and scientific purposes. Neither the Prohibition party, the Anti-Saloon League, nor our own church has taken a stand against the sale of alcohol for legitimate purposes.

One fact may be noticeable and amusing here; that is, the sudden and remarkable conversion of so many into absolute prohibitionists and strict law enforcement committees, who were before the state election in contention for local option as against prohibition. Their loud, deceitful clamor has biased the minds of many true friends and advocates of true prohibition.

After a thorough study of the bill and a consideration of the testimony of leading third party prohibitionists and leaders of the Anti-Saloon League, your committee believes that every Free Methodist voter in the state should cast his ballot for "Senate Bill No. 61," and stand firmly for the enforcement of the same.

Another question which confronts the cause of prohibition here and else-

where, is the "Interstate Commerce Law." The law should be so amended as to prohibit transportation companies from shipping liquor for beverage purposes into prohibition states. In view of the fact that neither the Democratic or Republican parties, or their nominees for president of the United States, have declared in favor of prohibition as a national issue, we further recommend that every Free Methodist voter cast his ballot for the nominee of the Prohibition party.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
PONCA DISTRICT												
Ponca, Maple Grove.....	\$12 36	\$ 5 32	\$ 41 60	\$ 2 35	\$ 351 13	\$ 55	\$ 78 82		1	1100	1	\$ 600
Tonkawa and White Rock.....	1 07	14 50	55	144 53	120	39 64	\$ 4 65		1	2000	1	1000
Perry and Lone Elm.....	1 10	18 59	1 35	313 00		66 54			1	900		
Yale, Antioch and Valley.....	1 23	17 74	2 10	316 07	50	67 47			1	900	1	300
Manford.....		9 37	35	9 40		30 00						
GUTHRIE DISTRICT												
Guthrie.....	3 57	1 27	27 35	2 15	300 00	144	64 66	19 65	1	2500	1	1500
Oklahoma City.....			16 61	1 45	315 00	150	42 06		1	2300	1	1600
Chandler and Wellston.....				75	32 40		20 99					
Norman and Purcell.....				45	11 03		16 66					
Sulphur.....												
Muskogee.....												
Waterloo.....												
ENID DISTRICT												
Enid, Garber and Elmdale.....	3 80	1 40	17 80	2 15	406 00	100	63 00		1	2000	1	400
Nashville and Coldwater.....			8 40	80			50 59	52 50	1	1000		
Eddy, Satchel Valley, Medford..			13 00	1 15	300 00		50 75					350
Wakita and Prairie Queen.....	2 65		25 60	2 65	300 00	48	65 00		1	1000	1	500
OLEO DISTRICT												
Wisby, Olymer, Green Valley... 1 10	3 78	60 00	1 75	270 69		78 99	31 42	1	800	1	250	
Augusta, Helena and Aline.....		14 00	1 80	288 66	50	86 60	15 00				1	300
Moscow, Vinton, Cedardale.....	2 00	40 00	1 75	250 00	50	44 07	1 60	1	1200	1	500	
Isabella, Ames and Dane.....		11 00	1 10	129 99	50	26 20		1	800	1	500	
Supply.....				23 85		1 10						
BEAVER DISTRICT												
Beaver City and Paladin.....		15 10	90	193 72		26 59	15 00	1	900			
Hooker and Guymon.....	65	9 00		16 75		7 56						
Cline.....			35			25 00	25 00					
KINGFISHER DISTRICT												
Cashion and Bethel.....	6 08	58 92	2 55	443 66	90	103 62	64 88	2	2500	1	850	
Geary, Watonga and Etna.....	1 25	6 17	32 15	3 00	340 00	77	65 39	104 56	1	1200	1	900
Dillon, Liberty, Chapel, etc.....	1 17	13 75	1 40	230 00	30	50 00	52 90	1	600	1	300	
Selling, Chester and Camargo..		7 69	1 75	104 41		50 25	6 75	1	1000			
Thomas.....			35									
HOBART DISTRICT												
Poarch, Wood and Hefner.....		31 40	3 40	373 00	75	80 20	96 20	1	1000	1	700	
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Roosevelt..			45	10 90			26 20					
Manitou and Ernest.....				36 77		20 92	26 00					
CHICKASHA DISTRICT												
Chickasha, Verden, Anadorka..			70	200 00		43 73	31 15					
Lawton, Apache and Alden.....				325 00								
	\$24 73	\$31 23	\$ 503 57	\$39 50	\$6016 56	1089	1427 94	\$ 573 03	20	\$ 24300	16	\$10550

\* M. L. Lancaster, Evangelist.



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

BEAVER, KINGFISHER, HOBART AND CHICKASHA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Societies	
BEAVER DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																	
	Beaver City and Paladin.....	37	1	38	2	2	12	65	8	\$ 3.24	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.00	.....	\$ 1.80	.....	.....	\$ 3.50	
	Hooker and Guymon.....	6	2	8	2	1	5	20	2	.....	1.25	1.75	1.05	70	.....	.....	.....	
	Cline.....	9	2	11	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
KINGFISHER DISTRICT	J. L. Brown, District Elder																	
	Cashlon and Bethel.....	54	5	59	1	2	24	80	14	21.40	9.18	12.75	7.65	5.10	.....	.....	249.02	
	Geary, Watonga and Etna.....	62	5	67	1	2	23	89	24	24.00	10.80	15.00	9.00	6.00	.....	.....	67.30	
	Dillon, Liberty, Chapel, etc.....	36	13	49	2	1	7	44	5	11.20	5.04	7.00	4.20	2.80	.....	.....	.....	
	Selling, Chester and Camargo.....	31	1	32	1	1	7	40	5	14.00	6.30	8.75	4.25	3.50	.....	.....	.....	
	Thomas.....	5	5	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.80	1.39	1.75	1.05	70	.....	.....	.....	
HOBART DISTRICT	J. L. Brown, District Elder																	
	Poarch, Wood and Heffner.....	69	4	73	4	2	14	70	26	27.20	12.24	17.00	10.20	6.80	.....	.....	.....	
	Hobart, Lone Wolf and Roosevelt.....	6	6	12	1	.....	.....	.....	3	2.47	1.62	2.25	1.35	90	.....	.....	.....	
	Manitou and Ernest.....	6	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1.60	72	1.00	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	
CHICKASHA DISTRICT	J. L. Brown, District Elder																	
	Chickasha, Verden and Anadorka.....	16	3	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	5.60	2.52	3.50	2.10	1.43	.....	.....	.....	
	Lawton, Apache and Alden.....	4	4	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....		894	79	973	35	12	34	242	119	262	\$ 319.00	\$ 146.28	\$ 224.51	\$ 118.55	\$ 77.90	.....	\$ 32.80	\$ 920.19



# MISSOURI CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
GREEN CITY, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 23-26, 1908

## OFFICERS

WORTH W. VINSON, *President*

A. STOKESBERRY, *Secretary*

L. B. REBER, *Assistant Secretary*

A. STOKESBERRY, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Worth W. Vinson, R. Medlock, L. B. Reber.

*On Sunday-schools*—A. E. Smith, Leonard Autenrieth, S. M. Alexander.

*On Publications*—A. Stokesberry, L. B. Reber, Amanda Thornton.

*On Reforms*—D. W. Reed, Charles Wickam, Alice Weeden.

*On Education*—O. T. Gregory, W. S. Stephens, A. E. Smith.

*On Examining Quarterly Conference Records*—L. B. Reber.

*On State of the Work*—R. Medlock.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—Charles Wickam.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Worth W. Vinson, R. Medlock, L. B. Reber, W. S. Stephens, S. M. Alexander.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Sabbath-schools*—Frank Smutz,      *On Education*—R. Medlock,

*On Publications*—D. W. Reed,      *On Reforms*—O. T. Gregory,

*On State of the Work*—A. Stokesberry.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

L. B. Reber, president, for two years; A. Stokesberry, secretary, for one year; R. Medlock, for three years.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. W. Reed, president; A. Stokesberry, secretary and treasurer; R. Medlock, W. S. Stephens, S. M. Alexander.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund, Conference Missions.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mae Stokesberry, 335 Hope street, Hannibal, Missouri; first vice-president, Lemma Wickam, Osgood, Missouri; second vice-president, Mary Medlock, 821 Curtis street, Chillicothe, Missouri; corresponding secretary, Florence Smutz, 3003 Lafayette street, St. Joseph, Missouri; recording secretary, Jennie Needles, Albany, Missouri; treasurer, Alice Weeden, 815 Prospect avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri.



## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

L. B. Reber,  
J. R. Bales,  
O. T. Gregory,

Chandos Smutz,  
A. Stokesberry,  
Frank Smutz,

R. Medlock,  
A. D. Sprouse,  
D. W. Reed.

### DELEGATES

W. S. Stephens,  
Leonard Autenrieth,  
S. M. Alexander,  
Bailey Callihan,

Alice Weeden,  
Amanda Smith,  
Myrtle Stephens,  
Stella Sharp.

Amanda Thornton,  
J. L. Hume,  
Sarah Turner,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Worth W. Vinson, R. Medlock, L. B. Reber, W. S. Stephens, S. M. Alexander.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial this year? W. A. Ellis.

4. Who remain on trial? Charles Wickam, A. E. Smith.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? Frank Smutz, D. W. Reed, O. T. Gregory.

7. 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Bales, A. D. Sprouse, Chandos Smutz.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. B. Reber.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Shirley Smutz, to the Iowa conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers? L. B. Reber, \$100.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Mt. Moriah, Missouri, as near the first Wednesday in September as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—R. MEDLOCK, District Elder, 821 Curtis street, Chillicothe, Missouri

St. Joseph.....To be supplied  
Amazonia.....Frank Smutz, 3003 Lafayette street, St. Joseph, Missouri  
Albany, High Prairie and Mound City, Minnie Smith, supply, Albany. "  
Ridgeway, Mt. Moriah and Sharon chapel....."  
.....D. W. Reed, 2816 Patee street, St. Joseph, "  
Mercer, Scott Hill and Mt. Vernon.....A. E. Smith, Mercer, "  
Osgood, Chillicothe and Mooresville.....Charles Wickam, Osgood, "

J. R. Bales, supernumerary; A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment to

attend school; Shirley Smutz, transferred to the Iowa conference; R. Medlock, member of the St. Joseph district quarterly conference.

#### HANNIBAL DISTRICT—R. MEDLOCK, District Elder

Hannibal.....A. Stokesberry, 335 Hope street, Hannibal, Missouri  
 Ashburn .....To be supplied  
 Rhineland, California and Honey Ford. W. A. Ellis, supply, Rhineland, Missouri  
 Center Chapel and Acasto.....W. S. Haskins, supply, Luray, “  
 Mt. Olive, Pollock and Kidville.....O. T. Gregory, Milan, “  
 College Mound.....To be supplied

L. B. Reber, superannuated; Chandos Smutz, supernumerary.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$38.40.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$46.08.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$12.80.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$25.60.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$102.40.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$28.16; paid, \$10.75.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth session of the conference was held at Green City, Missouri, September 23-26, 1908. Rev. Worth W. Vinson, of the Iowa conference, who was appointed by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue to preside, presided with ability and grace. His addresses to the conference were very instructive and his preaching was very uplifting. He delivered a missionary sermon, after which a collection of \$88 was taken.

Rev. X. Atchison, of the Central Illinois conference, rendered effective service.

L. B. Reber was elected conference Sunday-school secretary.

Our statistical accounts show an increase over last year in many respects. This is encouraging to our people, while a decrease in some is noticed, which calls for a greater effort on the part of the ministry and laity. May this coming year be one of great advancement on every line is our aim and prayer.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### 1.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The subject of publications is one of vast importance and should be treated very seriously and carefully by all. It covers a vast field, reaching from the most obscure writer and orator, to the most noted. Every writer and orator has a following, regardless of character, which thing must be taken into consideration when making a selection from the various publications. The life and character of every individual is involuntarily molded after the likeness of the individual we follow in the field of thought. We suggest therefore that great care be taken and much wisdom used in making selections from the various publications abroad in the land to-day, and make only those selections that will form a taste for the better class of publications. With a habit of this kind once formed, the problem of future action will be materially solved.

What man is there to-day that would dare to say, "I should rather have lived in former days?" We occupy a position pre-eminently high and exalted, one never before attained in our history as a people. This is particularly true in the field of literature. So we may truly say, "We point with pride

to advance in every field we hold and boast of our intelligence compared with those of old. Our pens so bright, yea filled with light, unto their mission go, until their power is 'felt alike by every friend and foe.' There possibly never was a time when mankind was so influenced by what he reads as to-day.

The legitimate results are that we are surrounded with opportunities, privileges and possibilities unheard of before, due largely to our present form of government.

With that degree of freedom, of speech and the press which we now have, a great developing school has opened up that has wrought many wonders in the world of publications.

We wish to say at this point that, from our lofty pinnacle of present attainment, we soar out into the ethereal realm of possibility and are there met by our constant companion and guide, Responsibility, which has grown from a mere child into a great and mighty giant, now our constant companion and master, by whose law we must one day be judged. The mighty influences of these forces, for the elevating or degrading of mankind, is far beyond our range of vision or power of comprehension.

Beginning very early in life and continuing down to old age, we stand as living monuments, deeply inscribed by the literary sculptor's hand, portraying unmistakably clear the character of the persons we have made our constant companions.

The speeches of Henry, Lincoln and Clay will live for ages in the minds of the American people. The mere mentioning of these men brings a thrill of joy and patriotism to our hearts which nothing can erase. Again we look at the heavenly plants of temperance and prohibition, which have been growing so rapidly of late, and well may we ask, Why such a rapid advance? This is largely due to the seed of literature, which has been so bountifully sown of late years; and may the God of all grace grant that the harvest may more than satisfy our most sanguine hopes. As a people we live in an age of reading, and are ready for and anxiously awaiting every new publication. In fact, many thousand copies of some publications are sold before they are ever published.

"The Latest," "Up-to-Date" and "Just Out," and such titles, with a glowing description of some sensational publications, are making great headway and swelling their circulation to enormous figures; while many of the standard and time-honored publications are relegated to the past, and deep piety and spirituality comes to a close, and is only known of as a historic fact.

If our people would profit by the experience of others and select only that kind of literature which has been instrumental in forming the life and character of the great men of the past, we would become more knowing and more holy. Paul said to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The next question is, What shall we study? We do not claim to lay down a rule infallible, but one that will be very helpful, if followed closely. Constantly and carefully read and study the word of God as the only true foundation of all literary works; in fact the first publication ever issued to man.

We would then suggest that a suitable selection be made for each member of the family in order, without regard to the cost. It would be worse than folly to suppose that no variety is required to meet the demands of the growing intellect.

We believe the best paper for Free Methodists is *The Free Methodist*. We consider the Sunday-school supplies put out by our publishing house second to none and worthy of a liberal patronage.

In conclusion we would say, we believe that great care and wisdom has been taken in making the selection of books that are handled by the publishing house, and recommend that our people patronize it preferable to all others and thereby aid in the spreading of scriptural holiness, for which we stand as a church. Our influence and prayers should be for the people we love and give our lives.

## II.—ON EDUCATION.

Education means development. We are in the midst of great privileges for development, and in order to become what we should be, we must make it important that we avail ourselves of the opportunity which we have.

The church demands of us diligence in this respect; and if we fail in this sense by our negligence, we must expect to suffer the consequences of the same. The prevailing idea seems to be, that education may be considered a matter of very little importance. But not so, with the other duties that are obligatory upon us in the great work of God. It is also important that we be diligent in this respect. God has blessed mankind with faculties of mind which He designs should be improved. In order to the improvement of them we are under obligations to avail ourselves of the numerous privileges with which we are provided. Our church has provided us with as clean a list of publications as are to be found anywhere.

We believe if the ministry was more studious and more zealous in studying and circulating the books and periodicals handled by the publishing house, as well as following the directions given in our book of Discipline, a great wave of genuine revival fire could be kindled which would burn for ages to come.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property	
ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT							*474 34						
St. Joseph.....			\$ 14 75	\$ 65	\$ 353 31	\$110	46 97	\$ 6 50	1	\$ 1700	1	\$ 100	
High Prairie and Mound City.....							22 45		2	1200	1	800	
Albany.....					30		40 00	3 00	1	1000	1		
Sharon Chapel, Mt. Moriah, etc.	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	26 00	1 65	425 00	65	141 30	101 50	2	2200	1		
Mercer.....			2 70	1 15	280 00	50	91 23		1	1000	1	500	
Chillicothe and Mooresville.....				30	33 95		21 32		1	1200	1	600	
Sedalia and Hazel Dell.....				30	113 50		51 70						
HANNIBAL DISTRICT							†501 40						
Hannibal.....			30 00	1 50	165 85	84	52 05	95 00	1	1800	1	900	
Ashburn.....			37 42	1 15	242 25	60	55 50	42 65	1	500	1	500	
Rhineland and Portland.....			12 50	1 15	181 00	25	36 59	21 65	1	650	1	350	
Luray, Center Chapel, Acasbo.....				1 05	223 19	24	44 60	63 54					
Mt. Olive, Pollock, Kidville.....			5 00	1 70	325 00	43	63 50		1	900	1	500	
Osgood.....			16 00		97	197 00	36	39 00	5 00	1	700	1	400
College Mound.....													
Total.....	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 144 67	\$11 87	\$2535 05	\$502	\$975 74	\$ 338 84	13	\$ 12850	9	\$ 4650	

\* Of this amount \$25.00 was received from the General Missionary Board, and \$75.00 for house rent at Albany.

† Of this amount \$25.00 was received from the General Missionary Board, and \$54.00 for house rent at Chillicothe; \$59.25 evangelists' support.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

## ST. JOSEPH AND HANNIBAL DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions Societies
ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT	Shirley Smutz, District Elder																
	Frank Smutz.....	25	9	34	1	3	1	7	20	6	\$ 5.20	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.30		
	D. R. Oozad, supply.....	16		16	2					5	6.50	2.80	20	1.00			
	Shirley Smutz.....	6		6	1						2.40	1.08	90	.60			
	A. Stokesberry.....	40	7	47	3	2	14	60	10	13.20	6.94	3.96	4.95	3.30		3.00	
	W. A. Ellis, supply.....	21	6	27	1	1	5	20	6	9.20	4.14	2.76	3.45	2.30			
	C. W. Lent, supply.....	6		6	1	1	5	20	2	2.40	1.08	.72	90	.60			
HANNIBAL DISTRICT	Sedalia and Hazel Dell.....	6		6	1	1	5	30	2	2.40	1.08		90	.60			
	R. Medlock, District Elder																
	Myrtle Stephens, supply.....	28		28	2	1	6	35	6	9.20	4.14	2.76	3.45	2.30			
	Charles Wickam.....	24		24	1	1	6	58	4	9.20	4.14	2.76	3.45	2.30			
	A. E. Smith.....	17		17	1	2	6	50	4	8.51	4.14	3.45	3.45	2.30			
	O. T. Gregory.....	30	7	37	3	1	4	24	3	13.60	6.17	2.52	5.16	2.43			
	Mt. Olive, Follock and Kdville.....	18		18	2	1	5	35	10	7.80	3.51	2.34	2.93	1.95			
Total.....	College Mound.....	2		2													
		285	29	295	15	6	12	62	362	62	\$ 97.91	\$ 44.34	\$ 22.83	\$ 34.78	\$ 21.13	\$ 3.00	\$ 45.08

# GENESEE CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
RANSOMVILLE, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 9-12, 1908

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

JAMES H. WHEELER, *Secretary* JOHN G. TUXFORD, *Assistant Secretary*

LELAND K. MANNING, *Assistant Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, C. W. Bacon, N. B. Martin, L. D. Perkins.

*On Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Reforms*—F. F. Shoup, E. A. Taylor, J. A. Craine, Levi Hardman, J. J. Kelley, O. S. Frederick.

*On Church Literature*—J. H. Harmon, R. H. Warren, L. F. Clark, Mary Maxwell, Mrs. M. M. Robinson.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—C. W. Thurber, John Webster.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Sunday-schools*—L. K. Manning, G. B. Altoft, G. S. Chamberlain, Ella Parker, Carrie Randall, H. L. Miner.

*On Education*—F. M. Campbell, R. Carne, E. C. Reber, H. J. Wood, W. S. Lawton.

*On Memoirs*—C. D. Brooks, W. Manning, C. C. Eggleston.

*On Railroad Reduction*—Thomas Sully.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. F. Franklin, O. C. Blowers, G. D. Mark, C. E. Pike.

*On Nomination of Standing Committees*—A. H. Bennett, F. F. Shoup, Grant C. Woods.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Walter A. Sellew, A. H. Bennett, C. W. Bacon, J. K. Wilson, Grant C. Woods.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Public Worship*—Bishop of the conference, *On Sunday-schools*—G. S. Chamberlain,

*On Missions*—C. W. Bacon, *To Examine Quarterly Conference*

*On Reforms*—J. J. Kelley, *Records*—R. Carne,

*On Church Literature*—E. A. Taylor. *On Railroad Reduction*—Thomas

*On Education*—R. H. Warren, Sully,

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—B. F. Hitchcock, *On Aggressive Evangelism*—L. A. Sager.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wheeler, president, for one year; L. K. Manning, secretary, for two years; R. H. Warren, librarian, for three years.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Bacon, president; C. C. Eggleston, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer; J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.



CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer; A. H. Bennett, secretary; C. C. Eggleston, D. S. Damon, M. C. Burritt.

ADDRESSES

Thomas Sully, treasurer, 333 Prospect avenue, Buffalo, New York.

J. H. Wheeler, Sunday-school secretary, 75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Foreign and Home Missions, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR A CONFERENCE HOLINESS CONVENTION

W. Pearce, T. S. Simpson, J. O'Regan, C. W. Bacon, A. H. Bennett.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Alma K. Pearce, president, North Chili, New York; Mrs. M. M. Robinson, first vice-president, North Chili, New York; Mrs. L. M. Perkins, second vice-president, Gerry, New York; Mrs. E. C. Allen, recording secretary, Yorkshire, New York; Mrs. Mary C. Bacon, corresponding secretary, 17 Chenango street, Buffalo, New York; Miss Agnes D. Derby, treasurer, 123 South Main street, Jamestown, New York.

FREE METHODIST MINISTERS MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

John O'Regan president, 177 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, New York; L. K. Manning, secretary, Akron, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. D. Brooks,  
A. A. Burgess,  
W. T. Hogue,  
L. D. Perkins,  
E. A. Taylor,  
O. C. Blowers,  
B. H. Roberts,  
B. Winget,  
G. S. Chamberlain,  
D. W. Steele,  
H. L. Miner,  
G. B. Tingle,  
E. C. Reber,  
M. E. Ellis,  
B. F. Hitchcock,  
C. E. Pike,  
L. G. Leonard.

W. Manning,  
C. C. Eggleston,  
A. H. Bennett,  
J. O'Regan,  
C. W. Bacon,  
L. Barmore,  
N. Palmer,  
J. H. Wheeler,  
H. W. Rowley,  
W. W. Warner,  
L. K. Manning,  
T. S. Simpson,  
W. Pearce,  
J. J. Kelley,  
F. M. Campbell,  
H. J. Wood,

T. B. Catton,  
S. K. J. Chesbro,  
J. H. Harmon,  
G. D. Mark,  
G. M. Allen,  
E. C. Best,  
J. F. Franklin,  
N. B. Martin,  
C. W. Thurber,  
F. F. Shoup,  
L. F. Clark,  
F. A. Perkins,  
C. H. Reed,  
R. Carne,  
R. H. Warren,  
L. A. Sager,

## DELEGATES

William Thompson,	B. L. Perkins,	Miss Mary Maxwell,
Mrs. M. M. Robinson,	George Allbone,	William Powell,
W. S. Lawton,	Mrs. Susan Silvernail,	Ira M. Rose,
Miss Gertrude Hartman,	Thomas Sully,	Simon Witmer,
Frank Cowen,	John A. Craine,	John King,
Mrs. Mary E. Perkins,	H. M. Snell,	Ralph Montague,
Alonzo Smith,	Clayton Fairbanks,	Charles Leonard,
Levi Hardman,	E. A. Johnston,	G. B. Altoft,
Mrs. Ellen Parker,	Otis Frederick,	Cyrus Ingersoll,
Grant C. Woods,	C. W. Woodruff,	Levi Luce,
John G. Tuxford,	John Webster,	Richard Easton,
Harry Cooley,	J. K. Wilson,	Mrs. Helen Potter,
Mrs. Carrie Randall.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, W. Pearce, C. W. Bacon, A. H. Bennett, F. F. Shoup, B. L. Perkins, Ira M. Rose, Grant C. Woods, J. K. Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? George W. Garlock, Levi Ecker, Clarence L. Silvernail.

4. Who remain on trial? William Newkirk.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Lewis J. Leonard.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Tingue, M. E. Ellis, C. E. Pike, B. F. Hitchcock, H. J. Wood, L. A. Sager, Lewis J. Leonard.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, W. W. Warner, M. E. Ellis, G. B. Tingue.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. A. Burgess, T. B. Catton, N. Palmer, W. Manning, L. D. Perkins.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. F. Shoup.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? William Jones.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Jamestown, New York, during the first week in September.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Revs. J. S. McGeary, of the Oil City conference; H. W. Fish, of the Susquehanna conference; E. M. Sandys, of the Pittsburg conference; A. Sims, of the East Ontario conference; Prof. R. E. Raycraft, of the North Michigan conference and principal of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary; A. Lenkerd, of the Pittsburg conference; F. E. Pond, of the Oil City conference; Rev. Mr. Howes, of the local Baptist church and W. E. Wells, of the local Methodist

Episcopal church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

Thomas Sully was elected conference treasurer. All conference claims, including the Educational Fund and Children's Fund, were ordered sent to him, 333 Prospect avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Liberal amounts were raised for foreign missions, the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary and the Gerry Orphanage and Home.

A memorial service was conducted on Saturday afternoon by the committee, in memory of Rev. William Jones and the following laymen, Mrs. E. L. Roberts, widow of our late General Superintendent B. T. Roberts; Thomas Hooper, of Elton; New York; John Pitcher and Ruth Hagarth, of Albion, New York.

Sunday services: Love-feast at 9 a. m.; about 11 o'clock, Bishop Walter A. Sellew preached upon the temptation of Christ; about 2:30 o'clock p. m., the bishop ordained L. J. Leonard, who had been elected to deacon's orders; at 3 o'clock p. m., a very interesting missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. by Bishop Sellew and wife, at which time \$99.38 cash and quite a large amount in subscription was raised. In the evening, F. M. Campbell preached to a large congregation, after which several sought the Lord.

Several pulpits were filled during the day by members of the conference.

## APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—W. PEARCE, District Elder, North Chili, New York

Rochester.....	E. A. Taylor, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York		
North Chili.....	J. H. Harmon, North Chili, " "		
Parma Center and Clarkson....	R. H. Warren, Spencerport, R. F. D., " "		
West Greece and North Parma.....	George Garlock, West Greece, " "		
Brockport .....	To be supplied		
Sweden.....	L. Barmore, Bergen, R. F. D., New York		
West Kendall, Kendall Mills and Hulberton.....	Levi Ecker, West Kendall, " "		
Albion.....	E. C. Reber, 20 Platt street, Albion, " "		
Gaines, Genyonville and Oak Orchard.....	O. C. Blowers, Gaines, " "		
Alexander and Greigsville.....	W. E. Freeman, supply, Alexander, " "		
Batavia.....	C. C. Eggleston, 7 Linwood avenue, Batavia, " "		

S. K. J. Chesbro, general treasurer of the church funds, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; B. Winget, missionary secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; C. D. Brooks, supernumerary, Geneva, New York; W. W. Warner, supernumerary, Batavia, New York; M. E. Ellis, supernumerary; B. H. Roberts, evangelist.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—C. W. BACON, District Elder, 17 Chenango street, Buffalo, New York

Buffalo, Virginia street....	J. H. Wheeler, 75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York		
Buffalo, Potomac avenue and Marion avenue.....			
.....	J. O'Regan, 177 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, " "		
Akron and North Newstead.....	L. K. Manning, Akron, " "		
Lockport.....	C. H. Reed, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, " "		
Newfane and Wilson.....	M. G. Cottrell, supply, Newfane, " "		
Ransomville.....	H. J. Wood, Ransomville, " "		
Tonawanda.....	J. F. Franklin, 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, " "		
Niagara Falls....	L. A. Sager, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, " "		
West Falls and Colden.....	S. W. Jennings, supply, West Falls, " "		

W. T. Hogue, bishop, 2025 Sherman avenue, Evanston, Illinois; A. A. Burgess, superannuated, 264 Breckenridge street, Buffalo, New York.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—T. S. SIMPSON, District Elder, Franklinville, New York

Allegany and Dutch Hill.....	D. W. Steele, Allegany, New York	
Belmont, Ford Brook and Alma Hill.....		
.....	Samuel Butcher, supply, R. F. D., Wellsville,	" "
Bolivar.....	C. W. Thurber, Bolivar,	" "
East Otto, Ashford and Springville..	A. Lenkerd, supply, East Otto,	" "
Elton and Yorkshire.....	G. M. Allen, Yorkshire,	" "
Perry.....	R. Carne, Perry,	" "
Franklinville.....	G. D. Mark, Franklinville,	" "
Rushford.....	C. E. Pike, Rushford,	" "
Rockville and Belfast.....	G. S. Chamberlain, Rockville,	" "
Johnsonburg and Union Corners..	William Newkirk, Johnsonburg,	" "
Gainsville and Weathersfield Springs.....		
.....	C. L. Silvernail, Weathersfield Springs,	" "
Wales and Townline.....	To be supplied	
T. B. Catton, superannuated, Perry, New York; N. Palmer, superannuated, Rushford, New York; G. B. Tingue, supernumerary; H. W. Rowley, left without an appointment, Discipline, paragraph 94.		

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—A. H. BENNETT, District Elder, Perry, New York

Jamestown...F. M. Campbell, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown,	New York	
Forestville and Fredonia.....	H. L. Miner, Forestville,	" "
West Salamanca and Red House..	L. J. Leonard, West Salamanca,	" "
South Dayton, Leon and Cherry Creek.....		
.....	B. F. Hitchcock, South Dayton,	" "
Ellington and East Randolph, R. H. Robertson, supply, Ellington,		" "
Gerry and Sinclairville.....	N. B. Martin, Gerry,	" "
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley, L. F. Clark, Cattaraugus,		" "
Gowanda, North Collins, Collins Center and Marshfield.....	F. A. Perkins	
L. D. Perkins, superannuated, Gerry, New York; W. Manning, superannuated, Cattaraugus, New York; J. J. Kelley, evangelist; E. C. Best, left without appointment, Discipline, paragraph 94; F. F. Shoup, granted a certificate of his good standing.		

## LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

M. C. Burritt.....	Leroy, New York	Mrs. Lizzie M. Perkins, Gerry, New York
G. W. Worthington,,	West Kendall, New York	Lawrence Carlson, Greenville, Illinois
Miss A. P. Carpenter,	North Chili, New York	Mrs. Victoria Reed, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, New York
M. H. Boyd.....	Portage, New York	C. Wiltse.....
A. K. Bacon.....	Albion, " "	Allegany, New York
Mrs. A. K. Pearce,	North Chili, New York	John Webster ..
M. W. Fuller,	West Burlington, New York	Townline, " "
S. F. Mercereau,	71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York	Herbert Biddolph, Greenville, Illinois
Mrs. Emma Holbrook,	Hilton, New York	C. Fairbanks....
Mrs. E. Martha Shoup,	219 Price street, Jamestown, New York	Lockport, New York
Olive T. Steele,	East Otto, New York	F. Ballard ..
Mrs. E. S. Roberts,	Allegany, Pennsylvania	Cattaraugus, " "
John G. Tuxford,	46 Grant street, Jamestown, New York	Mrs. E. C. Best, Fredonia, " "
		S. Witmer, 2024 Grove avenue, Niagara Falls, New York
		William Freeman, Alexander, New York
		A. J. Pratt...East Otto, New York
		M. H. Monroe...Allegany, " "
		Levi Luce ....
		Ellington, " "
		Mrs. L. F. Manning, Cattaraugus, New York
		Mrs. Amanda M. Garlock, West Greece, New York

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The conference claims are all fully met with a surplus from Brockport of four cents and Allegany of \$1.75. The foregoing amounts were added to the general fund.

Balance on hand, September, 1907, \$1.80. Genesee district, \$12; Buffalo district, \$12.70; Allegany district, \$11; Chautauqua district, \$11; total, \$46.70. Interest credited in bank, September, 1908, \$3.98; surplus on conference claims, Brockport, .04; surplus on conference claims, Allegany, \$1.75. Grand total, \$54.27.

Disbursements: For set of books in preachers' course of study, \$40; express on same, \$1.50; copy of Minutes for Mrs. L. Moore, 35 cents; postage, paper, etc., \$5.85; total, \$47.70.

Balance in general fund, September, 1908, \$6.87.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—Received during, 1907, \$63.48; received during 1908, \$64.04; total on hand, \$127.52.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—William Manning, \$150; A. A. Burgess, \$150; L. D. Perkins, \$90; Noah Palmer, \$90; Mary Leonard, \$60; Ruth E. Bacon, \$150; Gertrude Phillips, \$30; Mary M. Robinson, \$150; Lucinda Browne, \$150; Adelia A. White, \$150; Marcia Southworth, \$80.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—George Garlock, \$25; Samuel Butcher, \$15; F. A. Perkins, \$20; H. J. Wood, \$20; S. W. Jennings, \$20; G. S. Chamberlain, \$15; D. W. Steele, \$25; William Newkirk, \$25; G. D. Mark, \$25; J. J. Kelley, \$20; O. C. Blowers, \$25; C. W. Thurber, \$30; L. A. Sager, \$20; and \$40.20 to be divided equally between the district elders, to be used on their districts, and report concerning the same to the next conference session. The conference ordered an amount equal to twenty cents a member raised for conference missions the coming year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Interest on hand at date of last report, \$176; interest received during the past year, \$108.83; total, \$283.83.

Disbursements as per vote of conference: Noah Palmer, \$50; Mrs. O. O. Bacon, \$30; William Manning, \$30.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON REFORMS.

We believe it is necessary to continue to put ourselves on record in reference to reforms.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC—This traffic still continues to be one of the greatest curses to our nation. For years it has been the willing tool of every ruling corporate influence, and in turn has been the leader of every form of civic and political depravity. It has allied itself with every degree of vice and has fostered and protected the criminal and vicious. It has bought city councils and corrupted state legislatures, and blocked many laws that sought to loosen its yoke from the neck of the people.

It has no legitimate place, because wherever it touches it blights like fire and leaves only the ashes of former prosperity and former happiness in its wake. It gives nothing but takes everything. It builds nothing but is ever destroying. It panders to the weakest and worst traits of man and strangles every impulse for good and decency. It is the father of murder and the mother of theft, the sister of harlotry and the blood brother of degeneracy. It knows it is wrecking manhood, debauching politics and binding people to hellish slavery. It knows that it is stealing the honor of man, the virtue of woman and the future of the children, and it continues stealing them. What thief in all criminal history can approximate this record?

There can be no excuse for the existence of a traffic that brazenly and defiantly kills, steals and furthers every crime from rape to arson. We hang the murderer it has manufactured, we ostracize the harlot whose livelihood



it furnishes and incarcerate the thief whose honesty it has destroyed. Show it consideration? What a travesty upon justice.

It is expected of all our people who have a vote to cast, that the ballot at all times will stand for the annihilation of the liquor traffic.

**TOBACCO.**—The use of tobacco is a stepping-stone to the drink habit. It is a waste of money, a destroyer of health, a filthiness of the flesh, and detrimental to spiritual life. As a church we have nothing but condemnation for this filthy practise and will never consent to any one becoming a member of the Free Methodist church while continuing its use in any form.

**PASTORAL SUPPORT.**—While many of our people are doing all they ought for the support of the gospel, there are some who are not doing their whole duty in this respect. Many of our preachers are receiving less than a common laborer earns; and for this reason, in some instances, become discouraged and leave the work. While we acknowledge that many of the circuits are financially weak, yet a marked improvement could be made if all would adopt the plan of systematic giving.

**DRESS.**—That worldliness in the matter of dress is creeping into the church is evident. We need to take heed to the promise we made to "forever lay aside all superfluous ornaments," and at the same time to wear sufficient clothing for modesty and comfort.

**CLASS-MEETINGS.**—We regard the class-meeting an estimable means of grace; one that cannot be neglected without spiritual loss. Our ministers should urge all the members under their care to attend the class-meeting. In order to a better understanding of the purpose or manner of conducting the class-meeting, we recommend to all the book entitled, "The Class-Meeting as a Means of Grace," by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue.

## II.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Church literature, as an exponent of morals and a conservator of religious thought, is a mighty factor in molding the social, national and religious character of present day life. In fact, the religious sentiment thus expressed must be taken into account in the final analysis of present existing condition.

"Every great religious movement leaves its mark in letters." The spirit of the Reformation touched the life of Germany, and the inspiration found its expression in a gush of literary prowess. Bunyan's intrepid spirit, looking through barred windows, caught sight of a city, which so far materialized, that "Pilgrim's Progress" proved the salvation of England, and became the moral assets with which to endow a nation under sturdy Puritan life.

If you wish to know the character of an age, read the literature of that age; if you wish to know the character of a church, read the literature of that church. Church literature may not only prove a blessing by keeping before the mind distinctive ideas of denominational and spiritual importance, but it may be taken as the pulse from which to diagnose the state of life which may characterize the body—the church. By a careful diagnosis, we believe our church literature shows no signs of deterioration.

It is a law of light that the angle of incident and the angle of reflection are always equal, hence the comparative ease with which a ray of light may be traced to its original source. There is a marked degree of light and blessing which results from our church literature which is easily traceable to its original source, the word of God. Here is a marked equality between the angle of incident and the angle of reflection.

The word of God stands superlative among the multiplied literary productions of the centuries. Books may come and books may go, but *this* lives on forever. It is *THE* book still. You cannot be guilty of superlatation here. A new cosmical philosophy, a new psychology, or a new sociology, no more affects the glorious truth of the Book than lighting a new taper would affect the glory of the noon-day sun. Man cannot produce a substitute for the sun, neither can he produce a substitute for the Bible. This must be first in our

thoughts, first in our study—our “hand-book”—if we would develop a strong Christian character.

*The Free Methodist*, in its weekly visits to hundreds of homes, is a potent factor in keeping before the minds of our people, and others as well, doctrines of the biblical type, experiences that will stand the test of the judgment and a general setting forth of truth unmingled with fanaticism, wholesome for mind and heart. Its educative influence, its moral uplift, is a benediction to our day. If you would know the Free Methodist church, you must read its literature.

We cannot well pass by those productions which have appeared, and which mark the spirit of aggressiveness in missionary, as well as in other lines of aggressive evangelism. They are the legitimate fruit of an earnest and spiritual religion. Your attention is again called to these productions as worthy of perusal and careful study. Among these may be noted, “*The Life of Clara Leffingwell*,” by Bishop Walter A. Sewell; “*Hymns that Are Immortal*,” by Bishop Wilson T. Hogue; “*Handbook for Sunday-school Workers*,” by Rev. William B. Olmstead; Rev. E. F. Ward’s book on “*India*”; “*The Life of G. Harry Agnew*”; Sister Brodhead’s book entitled, “*Mission Work in South and East Africa*.” All these books will prove helpful in stimulating the reader to greater earnestness in personal work and a more thorough consecration to God.

*The Earnest Christian*, *Missionary Tidings*, and our Sunday-school literature are filling a mission in our work which is productive of great good. Let us give our most hearty support to these worthy productions and send them forth to bless the world.

### III.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. WILLIAM JONES.—We are again called upon to chronicle the fact that death has entered our ranks and taken from us a beloved and much esteemed brother and fellow laborer. William Jones was one of God’s noble men. He was born in Herfordshire, England, April 16, 1820. When he was about ten years of age, his father and family crossed the “Old Atlantic” to the Dominion of Canada. After residing there for some time, they left Canada for the United States; and coming to Western New York, they located in Attica, Wyoming county, where the father carried on his business and reared and educated his family. Here William reached his majority. He here became acquainted with Miss Caroline Chaffe, with whom, on the first day of January, 1846, he was united in marriage. This union was a happy one and one that was much enjoyed by them for nearly sixty years. The beloved wife was called home some two years since. Eight beautiful children were given to happy the home. Three of the eight preceded the parents to the spirit world, while four daughters and one son remain to mourn their loss. At the age of thirty years Brother Jones was soundly converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He remained within its pale, living an humble, earnest, consistent life until the trouble came to the Genesee conference of that denomination, when he took his stand with the persecuted ones, which at last led to the severance of his connection with that church. After the Free Methodist church was organized he became one of its charter members. Not long after uniting with the infant church he felt called of God to the gospel ministry. He heeded the call, gave up his business pursuits, and at its second annual session he was admitted into the Genesee conference on trial as a traveling preacher. In due time he was ordained deacon and then elder. He served on the following named circuits: Akron and Alden, Gowanda and Collins, Porter and Wilson, Lyndonville, Yates and Carlton, Wales and Alden, Rushford, Caneadea and Caseville, and East Otto. In the fall of 1871 he took work in the Susquehanna conference and supplied Windsor and Sanford circuit. In 1872 he was transferred to the aforesaid conference. In 1874 he was transferred to the New York conference, where he served the work on circuits or was chairman of dis-

tricts for several years. In 1882 he returned to old Genesee conference and received appointments on the following named circuits: Dunkirk, etc., Lockport and Pendleton, West Falls and Colden, Parma and Chili, Jamestown, and Pine Valley. In 1892 he was superannuated, but continued to preach as opportunity permitted, until his physical nature became too frail to stand the strain, at which time he ceased his ministerial activities and waited patiently his appointed time until the change should come. He suffered much for years, but as the end drew near and for four weeks previous to his demise his sufferings were severely intensified. On July 12, 1908, the happy spirit left its house of clay and entered into rest, "Where there is no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." In his physical suffering he manifested a spirit of patience and resignation. No lisp of murmur or complaint was heard; but his testimony was, "It's all right; God's ways are all right." Brother Jones possessed qualities which made him a soul winner. "He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and faith." He had a sunny disposition. One has said of him that he was a great-hearted, whole-souled man, and drew men to him and to God by his ministrations of love. May his mantle fall on those laboring in the Master's cause, and the blessing of the eternal Father rest upon the surviving members of his family.

MRS. E. L. ROBERTS.—A mother in Israel is fallen; yea, rather, is risen. We may well mourn, but may we not rather rejoice? It is written, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." And wherefore precious? Because their lives have been precious. They lived for noble purposes, and they obtained blessed results. Such was the life and death of our sainted sister in Christ, Mrs. E. L. Roberts. Our acquaintance with Sister Roberts, while not most familiar, nevertheless was sufficiently so, that we were ever impressed with a sense of her permanence of Christian character and of loyal integrity to all the will of God that made us reverent in our estimate of the virtues of the Christ she had accepted and incorporated in her life's work for the Master in the salvation of the lost. Her cheerfulness was not a vein of lightness, nor was her sobriety a type of seclusiveness. She lived not for selfish aims and ends, but for the highest interest of others. We believe her life was devoid of display, preferring to be loved and prized by God alone. How deep and strong her love for the cause she espoused and cherished may never be known to any but the Master; but it was of such force as to cause us unhesitatingly to exclaim, "Being dead, she yet speaketh." A proper estimate of such a life is far beyond our comprehension. The lengths, the breadths, the heights, the depths, of such a life, backed by the force of divine truth, will never be known till the crown shall be given. Sister Roberts' personal life was peculiarly her own. Her modest association gave added force and beauty to the life she lived, to the truth she declared. We have had but one Sister Roberts, but the impress of her life has been stamped on many hearts, who, in the eternal morning, will arise and call her blessed. "The memory of the just is blessed" (Prov. 10:7).

THOMAS HOOPER.—Thomas Hooper was a layman, and a charter member of the Elton, New York, Free Methodist church. He was father of Mary Bacon, C. Bacon, wife of Rev. C. W. Bacon. He departed this life in triumph in the Christ he had chosen for his portion. He was emphatically a man of God, richly endowed with heavenly virtues, making him very near and dear to us all. Their home was a Bethel indeed. To know him was to love him, but Christ loved him more and took him to Himself forever. "How blessed the righteous when he dies."

JOHN PITCHER and RUTH HAGARTH.—In precious memory of two of our Albion members, Brother John Pitcher and Sister Ruth Hagarth, whom the Master has called from labor to reward, we make honorable mention. Their loving fidelity to Christ and their faithful services rendered give them a place

in our hearts of grateful remembrance, which will be as ointments poured forth.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GENESEE DISTRICT						\$732 68						
Rochester.....	\$ 6 25	\$ 69 38	\$ 2 50	\$ 516 60	\$300	100 50	38 25	1	5000	2	\$ 6000	
North Chili.....		43 80	1 85	402 65	100	58 00	64 00	1	2500	1	1800	
Parma Center and Clarkson.....	3 75	23 31	2 95	450 00	50	52 41	89 00	2	5000	1	2000	
West Greece and North Parma.....			1 45	400 00		34 80		2	2000	1	1000	
Brockport.....				10 00		31 64	25 00	1	1200			
Sweden.....	\$ 1 50	12 00	60	315 27	50	21 00		1	1500	1	900	
West Kendall, Kendall Mills, etc.....	4 56	64 63	3 55	472 65	150	82 52	76 10	2	6200	1	1500	
Albion.....	3 86	49 95	4 85	500 00	150	101 98	44 00	1	3000	1	2000	
Gaines, Kenyonville, etc.....	2 25	15 62	2 05	354 62	100	46 71	47 00	2	3000	1	800	
Greigsville.....			30					1	1000			
Batavia, Bethany, Alexander.....	1 50	1 00	20 00	1 25	325 00	100	40 00	3	2400	2	2100	
District meetings.....						115 11						
BUFFALO DISTRICT						691 19						
Buffalo, Virginia Street.....	2 76	89 28	3 55	579 96	216	103 28		1	11000	1	3500	
Buffalo, Potomac Avenue.....		71 85	3 00	477 45	180	74 18	62 00	1	5000	1	3200	
Buffalo, Marion Avenue.....		37 63	60			24 15		1	1400	1	1200	
Akron and North Newstead.....		37 96	2 55	375 00	100	41 00		1	2000	1	1500	
Lockport.....	3 00	63 83	2 45	636 86	100	62 00		1	5000	1	1000	
Newfane and Wilson.....		10 42	1 55	257 23	100	27 12	14 90	2	3000	1	2500	
Ransomville.....	3 00	26 28	2 55	500 00	100	49 48	12 50	1	2500	1	1200	
Tonawanda.....	53	2 57	67 27	2 10	550 00	150	66 00	4 11	5400	1	2000	
Niagara Falls.....	5 43	71 61	1 85	439 30	132	60 00	51 21	1	3350	1	1500	
West Falls and Colden.....	54	2 41	8 53	95	166 85	28 89		2	1700			
Pendleton.....	2 85	35 66	65	350 00	60	27 70		1	2500	1	500	
District meetings.....						128 03						
ALLEGANY DISTRICT						500 00						
Allegany and Dutch Hill.....	45	19 00	1 50	182 54	60	24 00		2	2000	1	1000	
Belmont, Ford Brook, etc.....		7 00	1 05	260 78		28 73	10 38	2	2500	1	800	
Bolivar.....		33 20	85	350 00	75	31 00	2 77	1	2000	1	1200	
East Otto, Ashford, Springville.....	90	27 00	1 80	350 00	75	40 93	7 13	1	1000	1	1100	
Elton and Yorkshire.....		28 50	2 60	337 37	24	45 91		2	1800	2	1600	
Perry.....	2 10	47 36	2 55	451 02	150	44 00		1	2500	1	2500	
Franklinville.....	1 12	14 49	1 30	288 62	75	26 28		1	2000	1	1200	
Rushford.....	3 30	17 00	2 00	328 82	35	43 02		1	2000	1	1000	
Rockville and Belfast.....		9 12	1 05	203 89		29 74		2	1000			
Johnsonburg, Union Corners.....		16 18	76	234 51	50	25 00		2	2000	1	500	
Gainsville, Weathersfield Spr'gs.....	3 12	14 35	1 90	348 88	36	26 40	10 00	2	2500	1	500	
Wales and Town Line.....	4 00		1 05			39 87		2	2000	1	400	
District meetings.....						93 46						
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT						669 70						
Jamestown.....	110 00	6 21	174 56	4 10	602 81	150	78 04	100 20	1	10000	1	2000
Forestville and Fredonia.....			13 00	1 90	342 00	75	48 29	5 20	2	3400	1	900
Salamanca and Red House.....	2 00	60	18 65	95	197 22	60	45 17		1	1000	1	800
South Dayton, Leon, etc.....			14 11	1 75	305 19	75	46 16	11 62	2	2500	1	1400
Ellington and East Randolph.....			10 00	2 05	277 10	36	45 35		1	1000	1	500
Gerry.....	4 40	39 48	3 75	406 00	72	87 10	9 00	1	1700	1	1000	
Cattaraugus, New Albion, etc.....			36 24	1 90	352 97	96	51 74	12 09	2	2200	1	1000
Collins Center and Marshfield.....			35 00	1 45	300 00	50	34 48		2	1500	1	850
Gowanda and North Collins.....	26		55	150 00	80	16 00		2	3500	1	1000	
Silver Creek, N. Perrysburgh, etc.....												
District meetings.....						217 47						
Total.....	116 49	70 16	\$1318 10	\$80 05	14375 54	3312	2593 57	\$ 696 46 62	\$ 93050 42	\$57050		

The District Elder of Genesee District reports \$48.00 received outside of that reported above; Home Missions, Parma Center and Clarkson, \$29.00; tracts, Sweden \$4.00, and Albion, \$10.00.







STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Offrs & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- ties	
ALLEGANY DISTRICT																		
A. H. Bennett, District Elder																		
Allegheny and Dutch Hill.....	D. W. Steele.....	30	1	31	1	1	2	60	40	8	12 00	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	1 20	.....	7 00
Belmont, Ford Brook, Alma Hill.....	C. W. Floday.....	17	3	20	1	1	1	5	20	5	8 40	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	84	.....	4 00
Belvoir, East Otto, Ashford and Springville.....	C. L. Silvernail.....	17	3	20	1	1	1	16	84	6	6 80	3 06	3 40	2 85	1 70	68	.....	5 00
Elkton and Yorkville.....	G. M. Allen.....	57	8	65	1	2	2	12	58	13	14 40	6 48	7 20	6 40	3 60	1 44	.....	12 82
Perry.....	R. E. Carnes.....	54	3	57	1	1	1	14	67	15	20 80	9 36	10 40	7 80	5 20	2 08	.....	33 40
Franklinville.....	G. D. Mark.....	56	2	58	1	1	1	11	91	20	10 40	4 68	5 20	7 65	6 10	2 04	.....	112 90
Rushford.....	C. L. Wright.....	25	2	27	1	1	1	6	35	10	16 00	7 20	8 00	3 90	2 60	1 04	.....	5 60
Rockville and Belfast.....	G. S. Chamberlain.....	42	7	49	1	1	1	1	5	34	8 40	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	84	.....	45 77
Johnsbourg and Union Corners.....	W. Newkirk.....	22	1	23	1	1	1	4	15	7	6 00	2 54	3 00	2 75	1 10	84	.....	5 00
Gainesville, Weathersfield Springs.....	C. E. Pike.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	17	11	10	13 20	6 34	7 00	3 80	1 52	.....	3 05	
Water and Town Line.....	C. Hatfield.....	22	1	23	1	1	1	4	36	7	8 40	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	84	.....	77 55
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT																		
F. F. Shoup, District Elder																		
Jamestown.....	F. M. Campbell.....	77	15	92	2	1	14	223	20	32 80	14 76	16 40	12 30	8 20	3 28	.....	121 68	
Forestville and Fredonia.....	H. L. Miner.....	42	3	45	16	2	9	35	8	15 20	9 84	3 60	9 70	1 90	1 22	.....	7 08	
Salamanca and Red House.....	J. J. Kelley.....	36	4	40	1	1	5	63	8	7 00	3 30	3 30	3 30	1 90	72	.....	1 86	
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek.....	B. F. Hitchcock.....	34	3	37	1	1	8	30	12	14 40	7 38	8 00	6 25	4 10	1 40	.....	67 25	
Ellington and East Randolph.....	T. S. Jackson.....	44	4	48	1	1	3	30	12	14 40	7 38	8 00	6 25	4 10	1 40	.....	22 67	
Gerry.....	L. F. Slack.....	37	11	48	1	1	17	88	25	30 00	13 60	15 00	11 25	7 60	3 00	.....	54 63	
Gartausus, New Albion, etc.....	L. F. Olack.....	28	7	35	1	1	2	16	94	14	15 20	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	1 52	.....	5 00
Callins Center and Marshfield.....	O. O. Blowers.....	28	7	35	1	1	2	16	95	6	11 60	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	1 52	.....	5 00
Gowanda and North Collins.....	O. O. Blowers.....	28	7	35	1	1	2	16	95	6	11 60	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	1 52	.....	5 00
Silver Creek, North Perryburgh, etc.....	C. W. Thurber.....	12	1	13	1	1	3	12	5	4 40	1 96	2 20	1 15	1 10	44	.....	90 38	
Raised at conference.....																	186 60	
District meetings.....																		
Total.....		1656	199	1853	23	11	52	429	2473	387	\$ 640 40	\$ 283 18	\$ 320 20	\$ 240 15	\$160 10	\$ 64 04	\$ 183 84	\$1842 41

# OIL CITY CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OIL CITY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 23-26, 1908

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*  
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## COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—D. B. Tobey, M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, D. B. Thomas, J. G. Bromley.  
*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, M. B. Miller, R. A. Zahniser, C. R. Slade, Charles Cowan.  
*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.  
*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—H. W. Mitchell.  
*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—G. J. Kelly, J. N. Bennett, F. N. Fox, W. A. Quick, J. K. Mumau, A. C. Tanner.  
*On Sabbath-schools*—J. K. Odell, W. J. Barkas, D. B. Thomas.  
*On Conference Missions*—The stationing committee.  
*On State of the Work*—J. J. Zahniser, A. T. Sager, J. W. Johnson.  
*On Reforms*—W. Bryenton, C. E. Weaver, James Hunter.  
*On Publications*—J. M. Critchlow, T. S. Slocum, William Robson.  
*On Education*—H. D. Call, A. J. Beattie, D. E. Smith.  
*On Complimentary Resolutions*—J. E. Berkheimer, E. L. Monroe, A. H. M. Zahniser.  
*On Ministerial Relations*—J. S. M'Geary, J. J. Zahniser, A. J. Hill, J. E. Terwilliger, J. W. Johnson.  
*To Examine Titles to Church and Parsonage Property*—M. B. Miller, J. M. Critchlow, D. B. Tobey, J. S. M'Geary, D. B. Thomas.  
*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Walter A. Sellew, M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, Charles Cowan, C. R. Slade.  
*On Street Meetings*—W. J. Barkas, J. K. Mumau, A. C. Tanner, M. E. Wolcott.  
*On Press Correspondence*—T. W. Murray, J. K. Odell.  
*On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts*—M. B. Miller.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

- T. W. Murray, time expires 1909; R. A. Zahniser, time expires 1910; E. S. Zahniser, time expires 1911; E. L. Monroe, time expires 1912; G. S. Bryan, time expires 1913.

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- J. E. Berkheimer, president; A. J. Hill, secretary; J. S. M'Geary, treasurer; Charles Cowan, C. R. Slade.

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- M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, J. E. Berkheimer, J. K. Dale, J. C. Bowman.

## ADDRESSES

J. S. M'Geary, Sunday-school secretary, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

J. K. Odell, conference statistical Sunday-school secretary, Brookville, Pennsylvania.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—C. E. Weaver,                      *On Education*—J. M. Critchlow,  
*On Sunday-schools*—W. J. Barkas,              *On Publications*—W. Bryenton,  
*On State of the Work*—J. S. M'Geary

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Claim (18 cents), Expenses of Delegates to General Conference (5 cents), Permanent Endowment Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Superannuate Claim (45 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents); all money to be sent to J. S. M'Geary, 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. E. L. M'Geary, president, 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Margaret Call, corresponding secretary, R. F. D. 1, East Sandy, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Lena D. Barkas, treasurer, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

S. Sager,	D. B. Tobey,	M. B. Miller,
A. T. Sager,	J. S. M'Geary,	J. E. Berkheimer.
J. M. Critchlow,	J. J. Zahniser,	H. D. Todd.
A. Smith,	R. M. Whitcomb,	T. W. Murray,
C. E. Weaver,	E. Blews,	E. L. Kiffer,
A. J. Hill,	R. McGarvey,	J. N. Bennett,
R. A. Robertson,	J. K. Odell,	J. J. Ginader,
F. E. Pond,	A. H. M. Zahniser,	R. A. Zahniser,
F. N. Fox,	W. J. Barkas,	F. W. McClelland,
M. E. Wolcott,	J. K. Mumau,	J. F. Collins,
G. S. Bryan,	H. W. Mitchell,	E. S. Zahniser,
W. Bryenton,	G. A. Garrett,	H. D. Call,
W. E. Smith,	G. J. Kelly,	R. F. Leight,
T. S. Slocum,	E. L. Monroe,	J. C. Davidson,
W. A. Quick,	J. F. Barkas,	I. B. Hawks,
F. B. Schriner,	F. W. Parks,	W. Gearhart.

## DELEGATES

O. N. Davidson,	Charles Cowan,	D. B. Thomas,
Guy Hilliard,	Julia Holmes,	May M. Hicks,
W. S. Newton,	Bertha PeQueen,	Laura McElravy,
Mrs. B. C. Odell,	Mrs. Nettie Glass,	Pearl Bowser,
J. W. Johnson,	James Hunter,	Andrew Kaher,
Mrs. Jennie Zahniser,	Frank Lenny,	J. G. Bromley,

## DELEGATES—Continued

Mrs. Emma Bell,	Thomas Lewis,	Mrs. Anna Smith,
Mrs. Minnie Carlson,	N. W. Bice,	J. E. Terwillinger,
June B. Horning,	Mrs. F. E. Mitchell,	D. E. Smith,
Mrs. Florence Black,	Mrs. R. E. McLean,	Sadie Marsh,
Mrs. Adelia Francisco,	Mrs. Belle Henderson,	Earnest Babcock,
C. R. Slade,	Edwin Butterworth,	William Robson,
Harry Emigh,	Mrs. Mary Litzel,	Mrs. J. E. Berkheimer,
Mrs. Maggie Maul,	Fred Smith,	Ethel Slocum,
Frank Gibbons.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, A. J. Hill, M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, E. S. Zahniser, C. R. Slade, J. G. Bromley, Harry Emigh, Charles Cowan.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. J. Horner, F. A. Reese, J. L. Sutton, E. A. Archer.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. McClimans, A. G. Crill, J. D. Shadle, A. C. Tanner, A. J. Beattie, L. L. Adams.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? E. L. Kiffer, J. K. Mumau, G. A. Garrett, W. E. Smith, W. A. Quick, F. B. Schriener, F. W. Parks, William Gearhart.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? H. W. Mitchell, J. F. Barkas, I. B. Hawks.

8. Who have located this year? B. H. Edwards.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer, E. Blews.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? R. H. Williams.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character was passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Two children of T. J. Stone, \$72.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Kane, Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1909, as is convenient to the plans of the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The tenth session of the Oil City conference convened in Oil City, Pennsylvania, September 23-26, 1908, Bishop Walter A. Sellw, presiding. Five sittings were held, one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday. Bishop Sellw presided with his usual thoroughness of business

ability and dispatch, and all affairs pertaining to the welfare of the conference were duly examined and passed upon.

In size, as per the entertainment so hospitably afforded by the residents of Oil City and vicinity, the conference was one of the largest ever held, the entertainment meeting the needs of more than two hundred people. The services of the resident pastor, Rev. R. A. Zahniser, were rendered freely and with due care for the needs of all concerned, and were much appreciated. A goodly number of visiting ministers from our own and other denominations were present and introduced to the conference.

Among the specially encouraging and helpful features of this session should be mentioned the following: Brother Sellw's preaching, which was inspiring and most encouraging to all. The street meetings held each evening on one of the principal street corners of the city. Large crowds gathered at this point nightly, and without doubt God was pleased to bless the splendid spiritual singing and ringing, clear-cut testimonies given to the good of many.

The usual conference missionary meeting was held on Sabbath afternoon, under the auspices of the W. F. M. Society. Brother Sellw and Brother Brodhead took part. The service was full of inspiration. Steady and ever-deepening interest is maintained in the work of the gospel in other lands; and this world-wide interest no doubt explains the aggressive and progressive state and condition of the Oil City conference. In this connection it may be mentioned that Brother Brodhead, being sent to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church to preach at the morning service, spoke quite at length of some of the needs of Africa as a mission-field. Then in the afternoon missionary meeting at our own church, we had "Africa" again; then in the evening, Bishop Sellw, being requested to fill the pulpit of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, as well discoursed upon certain phases of the Africa field, showing some curios, to deepen interest along some lines. Thus the Oil City conference is a "mission conference" in a very correct meaning of the term; and this not to the exclusion either of "home" interests. Brother and Sister Brodhead are supported on the mission field by the Oil City conference W. F. M. Society.

As a whole this tenth session was one of the most pleasant and spiritually-profitable we have ever had, and preachers and people all returned to their homes encouraged to make the new conference year one of salvation and revival.

## APPOINTMENTS

OIL CITY DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut street, Franklin, Pennsylvania

Oil City and Salem....	R. A. Zahniser, 312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania	
Franklin, Rocky Grove and Maple Dale.....		
.....	W. J. Barkas, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin,	"
Siverly, Rouseville and Walnut Bend....	G. A. Garrett, Hydetown,	"
Titusville and Hydetown.....	F. N. Fox, May B. Fox, sup- ply.....	"
.....	78 West Central avenue, Titusville,	"
Pleasantville and Enterprise.....	C. E. Weaver, Pleasantville,	"
Jamison and Hamilton.....	F. A. Reese, R. F. D. 78, Titusville,	"
Warren and Diamond.....	J. M. Critchlow, Titusville,	"
Youngsville and Sugar Grove....	A. H. M. Zahniser, Youngsville,	"
Barnes and Saybrook.....	G. S. Bryan, Barnes,	"
Tidioute and Hickory.....	A. G. Crill, Tidioute,	"
Tionesta, Newmansville and German Hill,	E. L. Monroe, Tionesta,	"
Mayburg, Keltoville and Whig Hill....	A. J. Horner, Mayburg,	"
Weavers, Coal Hill and West Home.....		
.....	H. D. Call, R. F. D. 1, East Sandy,	"
Centerville and Tryonville.....	W. H. McClimans, Centerville,	"



Glade .....To be supplied  
Stewarts Run and Pithole.....To be supplied

D. B. Tobey, conference evangelist, 1325 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania; J. E. Berkheimer, superannuated, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania.

**MEADVILLE DISTRICT**—E. S. ZAHNISER, District Elder, Box 33, Sharpsville, Pennsylvania

Meadville.....H. W. Mitchell, 791 Stewart street, Meadville, Pennsylvania  
Randolph and Blooming Valley.....To be supplied  
Erie and Conneaut .....

A. C. Tanner, Ozilline Tanner, supply, 127 W. 17th St., Erie, Pennsylvania  
Girard and Stancliff.....M. E. Wolcott  
Union City and Millvillage .....

.....L. L. Adams, 74 Concord street, Union City, Pennsylvania  
H. D. Todd, evangelist, Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania.

**NEW CASTLE DISTRICT**—E. S. ZAHNISER, District Elder

New Castle (Arlington avenue).....  
.....William Bryenton, 281 Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania

New Castle (Dewey avenue).....  
.....E. A. Archer, 193 Dewey avenue, New Castle, “

New Castle (Euclid avenue) and Coaltown.....  
.....W. E. Smith, Kate B. Smith, supply, R. F. D. 5, New Castle, “

Sharon.....J. S. M'Geary, 25 Rex street, Sharon, “  
Mercer, Prospect, Bethel and Sharpsville.....

.....W. O. Webster, Lillian Webster, supplies, Mercer, “  
Ellwood City and Keely.....J. F. Barkas, Ellwood City, “

Argentine and Bruin.....G. J. Kelly, Bruin, “  
Bullion .....To be supplied

Grove City.....To be supplied

E. Blews, superannuated, Wilson avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania; B. H. Edwards, discontinued, membership at New Castle, Dewey avenue, Pennsylvania; E. S. Zahniser, member of the New Castle district quarterly conference.

**DUBOIS DISTRICT**—J. J. ZAHNISER, District Elder, Fleming, Pennsylvania

DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek.....  
.....A. Smith, 417 Maple avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania

Penfield circuit.....R. M. Whitecomb, Penfield, “  
Brockwayville, Mountian and Egypt.....

.....Samuel Stimer, supply, Brockwayville, “  
Brookville and Punxsutawney.....J. K. Odell, Brookville, “

Phillipsburg and Gearhartville.....F. W. Parks, Phillipsburg, “  
Tyrone and Altoona.....J. C. Davidson, “

June B. Horning, supply, 1027 Cameron avenue, Tyrone, “  
Fleming circuit.....E. L. Kiffer, Box 12, Fleming, “

Bellefonte.....J. F. Collins, Bellefonte, “

S. Sager, left without an appointment, Paragraph 94 of the Discipline;  
J. D. Shadle, left without an appointment, Paragraph 94 of the Discipline.  
Milesburg, Pennsylvania.

**CLARION DISTRICT**—J. J. ZAHNISER, District Elder

Clarion, Arthurs, Strattonville and Pine City.....  
.....J. J. Ginader, Clarion, Pennsylvania

Shirey.....To be supplied

Kane, Lamont and Highland, J. K. Mumau, 321 Bayard St., Kane, Pennsylvania

Tylersburg and Marienville..R. B. Brewster, supply, Tylersburg, “  
Hallton, Zimmerman and Loleta.....T. S. Socum, Hallton, “

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**BRADFORD DISTRICT**—A. J. HILL, District Elder, 111 Pearl street,  
Bradford, Pennsylvania

Bradford.....	W. A. Quick, Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania	
Tuna Creek, Limestone and Bolivar Run.....	A. J. Beattie, Tuna Creek,	"
Lewis Run.....	William Gearhart, Lewis Run,	"
Duke Center and Rixford.....	R. F. Leight, Duke Center,	"
Eldred and West Eldred.....	T. W. Murray, Eldred,	"
Port Allegany, Grimes and Roulette.....	R. McGarvey, Port Allegany,	"
Coudersport, Borie, Seven Bridges and Keech.....	J. N. Bennett, Coudersport,	"
Ulysses and Harrison Valley.....	F. W. McClelland, Ulysses,	"
Galeton.....	A. T. Sager, Galeton,	"
Austin and Costello.....	J. L. Sutton, Austin,	"
Emporium and Truman.....	F. B. Schriener, Emporium,	"
Ridgway, and John Wesley church.....	I. B. Hawks, 306 Metoxet avenue, Ridgway,	"
Simpson.....	To be supplied	
Crosby.....	W. S. Newton, supply, Crosby, Pennsylvania	
R. A. Robertson, F. E. Pond, supplying work in the Genesee conference;		
L. A. Sager, transferred to the Genesee conference.		

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**LOCAL ELDERS**

Bowman, J. C., Tionesta, Pennsylvania	Richards. William, Mayburg, Penn-
Grover, B. L., West Salamanca, New York	sylvania

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**LOCAL DEACONS**

Lee, Samuel, Penfield, Pennsylvania	Young, F. K., Dewey avenue, New
Liebendorfer, E. W., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	Castle, Pennsylvania

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**CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS**

Beattie, Mrs. A. J., Galeton, Pennsylvania	McCurdy, Mrs. Josephine, East Fourth street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
Call, Mrs. Margaret, R. F. D. No. 1, East Sandy, Pennsylvania	M'Geary, Mrs. E. L., 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania
Critchlow, Helen, City Hospital, Oil City, Pennsylvania	Massinger, Mrs. A., Meadville, Pennsylvania
Cook, Ethel, Fair View, South Africa	Newton, Luella, Fair View, South Africa
Dale, J. K., Liberty street, Franklin, Pennsylvania	Sager, Mrs. F. A., 84 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Dalrymple, Viletta, Orleans, Nebraska	Smith, Mrs. Katherine, R. F. D. 5, New Castle, Pennsylvania
Everhart, Mary J., 114 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois	Smith, Mrs. Minnie, Dug Out, West Virginia
Fox, May B., Titusville, Pennsylvania	Tarr, Mrs. May B., Providence, Rhode Island
Hamilton, Mrs. Gertrude, R. F. D., Mills, Pennsylvania	Tobey, Mrs. Jennie, Warren, Pennsylvania
Jacobs, Merrille, Seneca, Pennsylvania	Whitford, Mrs. Susie, R. F. D., Franklin, Pennsylvania
McClelland, Mrs. Hulda, 1514 Johnson avenue, Kittanning, Pennsylvania	

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS—Continued

Williams, Della, West Fifth street, Winslow, O. S., Brockport, Pennsylvania  
 Oil City, Pennsylvania  
 Winter, Mrs. Eva, Youngstown, Ohio Zahniser, Mrs. Donella, New Castle, Pennsylvania

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Brewster, R. B., Tylersburg, Pennsylvania  
 Bliss, Austin, 521 avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania  
 Cowan, Charles, Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania  
 Correll, F. M., R. F. D. 5, Grove City, Pennsylvania  
 Davis, O. N., R. F. D. 3, Franklin, Pennsylvania  
 Davison, O. N., Meadville, Pennsylvania  
 Dibble, Homer L., Spring Arbor, Michigan  
 Ellithorp, H. O., Carlo, Pennsylvania  
 Fry, P. W., Sharpsville, "  
 Grover, Jedidiah, Clarion, Pennsylvania  
 Hosback, Henry, R. F. D. Girard, Pennsylvania  
 Hover, Lester, 76 Neshamock avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania  
 Kaufman, J. C., R. F. D., Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania  
 Kirbey, Dawson, Strattonville, Pennsylvania  
 Krantz, Otto, Youngsville, Pennsylvania  
 Kunsleman, Charles, DuBois, Pennsylvania  
 Mitchel, G. S., Centreville, Pennsylvania  
 Mowry, C. W.,  
 Newton, W. S., Colesburg, Pennsylvania  
 Preston, H. J., New Castle, Pennsylvania  
 Shutt, Frank, R. F. D., Girard, Pennsylvania  
 Simpson, J. W., New Castle, Pennsylvania  
 Starr, Charles, Penfield, Pennsylvania  
 Stimer, Samuel, Fleming, Pennsylvania  
 Sutton, J. L., Port Allegany, Pennsylvania  
 Webster, W. M., Munderf, Pennsylvania

## EVANGELISTS

Bradley, Mrs. Nancy, Franklin, Pennsylvania  
 Brickley, Nellie, Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania  
 Cannon, Victoria B., Lewis Run, Pennsylvania  
 Crill, Lulu, Pittsburg street, New Castle, Pennsylvania  
 Collins, Mrs. Kate, Penfield, Pennsylvania  
 Franell, Lizzie, Tyrone, Pennsylvania  
 Hager, Mrs. P. M., Port Allegany, Pennsylvania  
 Horning, June B., Bellefonte, Pennsylvania  
 Kuhn, Mrs. Abbie, Franklin, Pennsylvania  
 Long, Elizabeth, Brookville, Pennsylvania  
 Mowry, Mrs. C. W.,  
 Post, Andora, 22 East street, Tyrone, Pennsylvania  
 Spotts, Dora, Fleming, Pennsylvania  
 Smith, Anna, 417 East Maple avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania  
 Sherwood, Nellie, Glensham, Pennsylvania  
 Tanner, O. G., 123 West 17th street, Erie, Pennsylvania  
 Webster, Lillian, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania  
 Zahniser, Mrs. Ellen, 312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON REFORMS.

INTEMPERANCE.—God Almighty, the Maker of the heavens and of the earth, is not responsible for the existence of alcohol; for not one drop of it

can be found in anything He has created, while in its pure and unperverted state. It is the product of fermentation and distillation and therefore of decay and rot. This product of earth and hell is in the market under license, as a beverage for man. Its demoralizing, brutalizing, pauperizing, crime-producing, soul-damning influence and effects are universally known and acknowledged.

Used as a beverage it is a constant menace to the safety, morals and welfare of the people for whose protection government is inaugurated. Hence no man, or company of men, has any inherent right to sell it. The sale thereof is contrary to the word of God and the Constitution of the United States, and also to conscience and common sense. The licensed saloon therefore, is crimson-handed crime against every principle of benevolence, humaneness and religion. A whisky voting church can never be a spiritually prosperous church, but will sooner or later find itself spewed out as the vomit of the great Head of the church.

To be accessory by vote or otherwise to a traffic so nefarious and damning, is to incur the wrath of God and the judgments of the ungodly. Candidates for office may be said to be good men, but if they represent wrong measures, or the party of wrong measures, they are unsafe men to place in responsible position. They may make fair promises to accomplish their end, but their career will evince a betrayal of confidence. Good men will not hold their peace concerning wrong measures, but will speak out. "I testify of the world that the works thereof are evil," so said the hero of the wilderness. "And he that is not for me is against me."

The candidate for the presidency on the Republican ticket is a well-known Unitarian, who makes it his business to deny the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and boldly stands with his party for liquor license. The candidate on the Democratic ticket is not a Unitarian, but openly asserts that the saloon is not an issue in this campaign. But we affirm that it is, and moral issues are much weightier than monetary issues. The candidate on the Prohibition ticket is a clean man and a Christian and quite competent to occupy the presidential chair. He stands pledged with his party for the enactment of prohibitory law against the saloon, both in state and nation. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to be consistent with our profession of scriptural holiness in voting for the candidates of the Prohibition party.

**TOBACCO.**—Tobacco is a deadly, poisonous weed, constantly avoided by all creatures, except three—the tobacco worm, the Siberian goat and man. Being a deadly poison it necessarily undermines the physical constitution, bringing on premature decay and death. It likewise obscures the mind, blunts the sensibilities, and demoralizes the conscience. No user thereof can justly claim to have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, for he certainly gives much offense in squirting his nicotine juice on sidewalks and floors, and elsewhere, and in puffing his blue smoke in the face of all comers and goers, thus poisoning the very air they breathe.

Corporations that build and control ways of transportation for the public deem it advisable, in order to the comfort of the decent traveler, to provide pens or apartments, in which the users of the weed may have the privilege of puffing their smoke and ejecting the filth from their mouths without too much annoyance to the passengers, who indulge not. No one can use it with God's approval, and whom God does not approve He condemns. Let the Free Methodist church continue to condemn and prohibit the vile, filthy practise so far as her membership is concerned.

**MONOPOLIES.**—We have no quarrel with capital as such, honestly obtained and properly invested. No capital would be a calamity to the community and to the nation. Our controversy is with the greed and avarice and oppression of too many make-haste-to-get-rich capitalists. High tariff monopolies do not foster and promote the financial prosperity of the country, but give colossal fortunes to the few and enforced pauperism to the many. We contend for higher wages for the laborer, or lower prices for the product of

his toil. As a cure for the strifes and dissensions between the employer and the employee, we call for legislation that will be in harmony with the principles and teachings of the Christ and His apostles.

**SECRET SOCIETIES.**—Secret societies, with their blood-curdling oaths and their absurd and unseemly ceremonies, have no foundation in the word of God. They are merely a world power Satanically inspired. Selfishness and lawlessness are striking characteristics of this strange institution. What right have they to require and administer oaths and affix penalties? This is the prerogative of the state. Again, it is a well-known fact that the risen and ascended Christ, the Savior of men, has no place or recognition within the walls of their assemblies. Their claim to be a benevolent and religious order is but the sugar-coating of a poisonous pill. It is quite evident to the thoughtful mind that secret societies are a standing menace to the administration of law and justice. Pray for their confusion and overthrow.

**ROMAN CATHOLICISM.**—Roman Catholicism, consisting partly of Christianity, partly of Judaism, and partly of obstructive heresies and idolatries, is no more the friend of Christian Protestantism now than in days of other years. And if she were in possession of temporal power, her present, as well as her past history, would be crimson red with the blood of saints. Full of intrigue, and ready as ever for encroachment and violence, backslidden protestantism must cease her slumbering, or some day she will suddenly awake to find her supremacy gone. Papacy is papacy still; therefore, let there be no courtship nor compromise with a system of civil and religious teaching that would rob us of our manifold rights and blood-bought freedom. To be forewarned is to be fore-armed.

**THE SABBATH.**—The Sabbath is a divinely ordained institution. It is fitting and proper that God should require that one day in seven should be set apart as a day of rest from all secular pursuits, and that He should be especially worshiped on that day by assemblies, reverently come together, in stated places and at stated times. Works of necessity and works of mercy only are allowable on the Sabbath day.

We deplore the fact that the law and sanctity of the Sabbath are shamefully violated by multitudes in the interest of earthly gain and worldly pleasure. We are absolutely opposed to all trading, trafficking, contracting, pleasure-taking on the Sabbath, and to all newspaper reading and worldly conversation and social visitation on that day. We believe that the Holy Spirit is oftentimes much grieved by professing Christians, who take part on the Sabbath day in discussing the possibilities and probabilities and actualities of the commercial and financial world and the common markets. May we as a people and church honor God and be exemplary and obedient in keeping God's holy day inviolate.

**DIVORCE.**—We greatly deplore the fact, in multiplied instances, of disrupted domestic and marital relations. In many cases divorce has its foundation in unwise marriages taking place, while the parties are yet in their teens. Trouble arises either because of the improvidences of the husband or the incompetency of the wife to cook and keep house. And too frequently there is trouble because of infidelity to the marriage vow.

We affirm that it is an error in our courts to grant an absolute divorce, except in case of adultery, and in no instance should either of the divorced parties marry again in the life-time of the former companion.

A woman that hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband, not merely so long as he behaveth himself, but so long as he liveth.—*Bible*. Wilt thou take this woman to be thy wedded wife, etc., so long as ye both shall continue chaste? No. But so long as ye both shall live.—*Marriage ceremony*.



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>BRADFORD DISTRICT</b>												
Bradford.....	\$ 5 00		68 58	\$ 2 90	\$ 600 00		\$ 80 00	\$ 30 00	1	2000	1	\$ 1800
Tuna Creek and Boliver Run.....			38 00	2 00	440 00	\$ 72	73 68	31 60	2	2000	1	1000
Lewis Run.....			22 13	1 05	387 67	60	59 50	23 44	1	800	1	700
Duke Center and Simpson.....			13 30	1 05	505 48	50	59 07	14 55	2	800	1	500
Eldred and West Eldred.....			26 00	2 15	334 34	84	49 57		2	2200	1	1000
Port Allegany.....		1 00	10 00	2 30	372 43	120	50 32	80 00	1	1300	1	800
Coudersport and Borie.....	\$ 1 00		14 98	50	205 50		27 91	5 75	2	3200	1	1500
Ulysses and Harrison Valley.....			15 16	1 60	436 36	50	44 85		1	1200	1	1200
Galeton.....			36 81	85	389 02	100	50 00	14 24	1	1500	1	600
Emporium and Truman.....			25 00	1 35	326 00	100	68 56	11 50	1	1500	1	1500
Ridgway and John Wesley.....			34 26	2 10	400 00	216	90 00	20 37	2	4500	1	2700
Crosby.....					27 10		11 78					
Keesh and Seven Bridges.....				60	184 00	36	16 92		1	1700	1	800
Scattering.....							7 00					
<b>CLARION DISTRICT</b>												
Kane.....	24 00	1 00	26 32	1 85	592 00		76 19	2 00	2	2000	1	1000
Marionville, Tylersburg, etc.....		54	15 28	1 50	329 61	36	62 82	11 96	3	1600	2	300
Clarion, Paint Mills, etc.....		50		70	320 13		46 59		1	1000		
Shirey, Greenville, etc.....		50		45	110 75		45 66		2	2000		
Scattering.....												
<b>DU BOISE DISTRICT</b>												
Du Boise, Sabula, Falls Creek.....	70	70	35 00	1 25	300 00	100	71 79	10 00	3	5000	1	.....
Pennfield and Mt. Pleasant.....		1 80	24 05	1 75	278 29	60	48 70	26 57	1	1406	1	550
Brookwayville and Haulton.....	2 60		82 00	2 60	790 15	50	75 00	25 00	5	4200	1	300
Brookville and Punxsutawney.....				65	43 70		11 40		1	2000		
Philipsburg and Gearbearville.....		50	33 00	1 75	496 68	60	66 80	10 00	1	1000	1	550
Tyrone.....		33	21 14	90	330 78		42 38	10 50				
Flemming and Dix Run.....			62 00	2 20	325 00		85 80		2	3500		
Bellefont and Buffalo Run.....		50	38 91	85	170 00		40 70	15 90				
Scattering.....							31 49					
<b>MEADVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Meadville.....		1 00	22 00	1 55	418 40		60 00	68 00	1	1500		
Blooming Valley and Randolph.....			16 00	55	119 07		35 70	5 00	1	2000		
Erie.....			21 80	70	232 97	86	45 60	13 50	1	2500	1	500
Standcliffe.....			12 00	1 35	108 02		23 00					
Union City and Mill Village.....				85	202 20		29 85	4 00	1	1200		
Girard and Conneaut.....					41 87		25 09	25 00				
Scattering.....							45 03					
<b>NEW CASTLE DISTRICT</b>												
New Castle, Arlington Ave.....			95 60	5 65	605 00	120	110 23		1	5000	1	2500
New Castle, Dewey Ave.....			30 19	2 15	372 64		69 18		2	1300	1	1800
Coal Town and Leesburg.....			3 35	2 55	337 80		74 05		2	3500		
Sharon.....	1 00		81 36	4 05	668 01	120	113 95		1	5000	1	1200
Sharpsville.....			15 00	50	25 00		25 00		1	2500		
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....	1 59		41 69		248 59		26 00		2	1500		
Ellwood City.....			53 01	1 95	410 00	120	66 15	31 00	1	1300	1	1000
Bruin and Argentine.....		3 83	72 00	2 85	543 16	40	67 09	16 10	2	5000	2	2000
Scattering.....							45 03					
<b>OIL CITY DISTRICT</b>												
Oil City.....			65 63	2 90	627 00	168	91 37	65 00	1	5000	1	2000
Silverly and Rouseville.....			24 06	85	302 13		28 30	7 76	1	1800		
Franklin and Rocky Grove.....	10	2 70	62 03	4 85	559 29	240	115 00	131 55	1	5000	1	5000
Titusville.....			21 85	1 95	451 32	150	69 27		1	4500	1	2000
Youngsville and Sugar Grove.....			35 15	3 00	428 64		89 52	60 26	1	3500		
Tionesta and Newmansville.....		4 42	80 00	3 35	485 05	90	84 78		2	2000	1	1000
Tidionet and Hickory.....	2 00		20 26	1 40	360 63	72	50 00	4 50	3	4000	1	1200
Barnes and Saybrook.....			18 06	1 15	320 30		40 00	18 80	2	2500		
Pleasantville and Enterprise.....	1 30		55 00	2 75	455 44	72	59 86		3	2500	1	500
Mayburg, Kelleetsville, etc.....			52 64	1 30	430 00	80	70 00	16 08	5	4500	1	1500
Weaver and West Home.....			40 55	2 00	322 49	60	50 00	20 00	4	4800	1	1000
Glade Run.....				30	75 17		10 00		1	1000		
Jammison and Hamilton.....			25 00	1 50	420 00		43 80		3	3000		
Centerville.....			9 60	1 25	90 00		16 07	2 25	2	2000		
Scattering.....							98 25					
Total.....	\$31 70	\$24 47	\$1624 59	\$90 05	15670 52	3612	\$166 58	\$ 802 18	84	\$ 143600	34	\$30500



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

## NEW CASTLE AND OIL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	NEW CASTLE DISTRICT										OIL CITY DISTRICT										Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim						
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT	E. S. Zahniser, District Elder																					
	William Bryenton.....	82	6	84	2	1	17	106	16	\$ 40 40	\$ 18 18	\$ 15 15	\$ 15 15	\$ 10 10	\$ 5 05	\$ 18 55	\$145 30					
	E. A. Archer, supply.....	46	1	47	1	1	8	38	14	17 20	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	2 15	10 69	161 43					
	Noel Town and Leesburg.....	46	1	47	1	1	10	65	6	20 40	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	4 05	2 55	125 30					
	Sharonville.....	86	10	96	1	1	12	95	8	32 40	14 68	12 15	12 15	8 10	4 05	19	171 19					
	J. S. McGary.....	8		8	1	1	4	20	4	4 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 70	27 00					
	E. S. Zahniser.....	38	16	52	1	2	8	89	6	13 60	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	1 96	1 70	59 00					
	W. O. Webster.....	83	10	93	1	2	17	117	7	16 60	7 02	5 85	5 85	3 90	1 96	1 70	59 00					
	J. F. Barkas.....	57	3	60	3	3	18	165	7	22 80	10 26	8 57	8 57	5 70	2 83	37	37 92					
	G. J. Kelly.....																					
OIL CITY DISTRICT	M. E. Miller, District Elder																					
	R. A. Zahniser.....	66	10	76	1	4	1	10	60	15	23 20	10 44	8 70	8 70	5 80	2 90	170 01					
	G. A. Garret.....	17	1	18	1	1	5	45	5	6 80	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	4 85	20 00	44 00					
	Franklin and Rocky Grove.....	108	14	122	2	4	1	10	61	20	38 80	17 46	14 55	14 55	9 70	4 85	171 80					
	A. H. M. Zahniser.....	38	2	40	1	1	1	8	33	6	15 60	7 02	5 85	5 85	6 00	3 00	130 53					
	F. N. Fox.....	55	13	68	1	1	1	9	60	10	24 00	10 80	5 60	5 60	6 70	3 35	171 25					
	Youngville and Sugar Grove.....	75	12	87	1	3	2	180	18	26 80	12 40	10 05	10 05	9 80	2 80	24 30	171 25					
	Tionesta and Newmansville.....	38	1	39	1	2	17	20	5	9 27	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 80	1 40	1 40	143 08					
	Tidout and Hickory.....	63	20	83	2	2	15	95	13	22 00	9 00	8 25	8 25	5 50	2 75	2 75	86 88					
	Barnes and Saybrook.....	58	1	59	2	4	2	10	60	10 40	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	1 30	200 00					
Total.....	Pleasantville and Enterprise.....	58	1	59	2	4	2	10	60	10 40	4 68	3 90	3 90	4 00	2 00	2 00	97 38					
	Mayburg, Kittlesville, etc.....	41	11	52	1	5	19	177	8	16 00	7 25	6 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	75 41	375 41					
	Waverly and West Home.....	6		6			3	20	2	3 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	30	3 60	3 60					
	G. S. Bryan, supply.....	38	10	48	45		12	50	2	12 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	1 50	1 50	13 00					
	G. A. Reese.....	25	1	26			1	4	20	2	10 00	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	1 25	22 37					
	G. S. Mitchell, supply.....	35	1	36			1	4	20	2	10 00	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	1 25	22 37					
	Scattering.....																32 21					
		1840	310	2150	24	31	73	434	2855	380	\$ 720 40	\$ 384 18	\$ 270 15	\$ 270 15	\$ 180 10	\$ 90 05	\$ 106 44	\$760 30				

# IOWA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
BIRMINGHAM, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 2-5, 1908

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

E. A. CLARK, *Secretary*

C. L. MANNING, *Assistant Secretary*

E. E. DOLBY, *Statistical Secretary*

F. M. SMITH, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellaw, W. W. Vinson, E. N. Miller, F. C. Behner, G. W. Holmes, T. M. Fenwick.

*On Publications*—E. A. Clark, T. M. Fenwick, D. C. Nicklin.

*On Reforms*—E. E. Hall, I. H. West, H. N. Dickson.

*On State of the Work*—E. N. Miller, W. W. Vinson.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. S. Booton, T. M. Fenwick, Ivan Stowers.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretary.

*On Home Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Sunday-schools*—W. J. Trimble, Luke Scripser, Helen Leatherman.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—W. J. Trimble.

*On Education*—W. W. Vinson, E. A. Clark, I. H. West.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Walter A. Sellaw, E. N. Miller, W. W. Vinson, G. W. Holmes, Sherman Freeman.

*On Charities*—G. G. Booton, F. C. Behner, G. W. Holmes.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. N. Miller, for five years; G. A. Anderson, for four years; E. A. Clark, secretary, for three years; C. L. Manning, for two years; W. W. Vinson, president, for one year.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Vinson, secretary; E. E. Hall, president; F. C. Behner, Sherman Freeman.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. E. Hall, treasurer, term expires 1909; J. K. Cathcart, term expires 1910; O. E. Gaffin, secretary, term expires 1911; L. Mendenhall, term expires 1912; G. A. Anderson, president, term expires 1913.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Carrie H. Miller, 326 Linden avenue, Waterloo, Iowa; recording secretary, Mrs. Belle Vinson, Knoxville, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Lillian Manning, 818 Arch street, Burlington, Iowa; treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Casebeer, 1314 Harrison avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Home

Missions, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

W. C. Thompson,	L. Mendenhall.	E. E. Hall.
G. A. Anderson,	W. W. Vinson,	E. N. Miller,
J. S. Booton,	W. J. Trimble,	J. W. White,
E. J. Fish,	J. W. E. Ambrose,	T. M. Fenwick,
E. E. Dolby.	Luke Scriptor,	E. A. Clark,
H. O. Dalrymple.	G. G. Booton,	F. M. Smith,
E. F. Samuelson,	F. C. Behner,	C. L. Manning
Shirley Smutz.		

### DELEGATES

S. E. Kennedy,	John Kryger,	Ivan Stowers.
T. C. Ewing,	M. E. Marsh,	Molissa Shinn.
Alberta Mendenhall,	William Hall,	John Grimm.
D. C. Nicklin,	Helen Leatherman,	J. E. Hanson.
S. L. Coulson,	T. M. Roberts,	G. W. Holmes.
O. E. Gaffin,	Sherman Freeman,	William Robertson,
Jennie Dunn,	I. H. West,	H. N. Dickson.
J. E. Tracy,	Ben Hazeltine.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, W. W. Vinson, E. N. Miller, G. W. Holmes, Sherman Freeman.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. N. Dickson, T. J. Fuller.

4. Who remain on trial? G. E. Lair, A. N. Kennedy.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? G. G. Booton, F. M. Smith, E. F. Samuelson, F. C. Behner.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? J. W. E. Ambrose.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. F. Samuelson.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. C. Thompson, L. Mendenhall, J. W. White, H. A. Dalrymple.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Shirley Smutz, from the Missouri conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. J. Fish.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. C. Thompson, \$150; J. W. White, \$100.



22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? The place to be fixed by a committee, consisting of the two district elders and E. E. Dolby; the time to be as near the second Wednesday in September, 1909, as is consistent with the plans of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

### FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder

Fairfield.....H. N. Dickson, 604 Monroe street, Fairfield, Iowa  
Birmingham and Oak Grove.....F. C. Behner, Birmingham, "  
Ottumwa, First and Second churches.....

T. M. Fenwick, I. H. West, supply, 933 West Main street, Ottumwa, Iowa  
Mt. Pleasant, Coalport and Mt. Zion.....John Bishop, Lockridge, "  
White Elm and Bethel.....William Heger, supply, Silma, "  
Eldon and Hickory Ridge.....S. L. Gilkinson, Eldon, "  
Centerville and Brompton.....Shirley Smutz, Centerville, "  
Sigourney, Delta and Braghton.....To be supplied

L. Mendenhall, superannuated; E. J. Fish, granted a certificate of good standing; E. F. Samuelson, supernumerary; G. A. Anderson, member of the Fairfield district quarterly conference.

### BURLINGTON DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder

Burlington, North Hill.....C. L. Manning, 818 Arch street, Burlington, Iowa  
Burlington, South Hill.....To be supplied  
Morning Sun and Columbus City.....G. E. Lair, Morning Sun, Iowa

J. W. E. Ambrose, granted a certificate of location, with membership at Eldon, Iowa; J. W. White, superannuated.

### DES MOINES DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder, Knoxville, Iowa

Des Moines.....E. A. Clark, 2011 Zeline avenue, Des Moines, Iowa  
Ackworth, Mason and Chariton.....J. S. Booton, Ackworth, "  
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....F. M. Smith, Knoxville, "  
Rose Hill and Oskaloosa.....W. J. Trimble, Rose Hill, "  
Newton and Sugar Grove.....Luke Scripser, Newton, "  
Barnes City and Riggs.....To be supplied

E. E. Dolby, evangelist; H. A. Dalrymple, superannuated; W. W. Vinson, member of the Des Moines district quarterly conference.

### CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder

Cedar Rapids.....T. J. Fuller  
Marion.....A. Borst, supply  
Maquoketa circuit.....A. N. Kennedy, S. E. Kennedy, supply, Maquoketa, Iowa  
Toddville and No. 1.....G. G. Booton, Toddville, "  
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....Frank Roberts, supply  
Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Dunkerton.....  
.....E. N. Miller, Carrie H. Miller, supply, Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Radcliffe.....To be supplied  
Conrad.....To be supplied  
Waverly Mission.....W. S. Scafe, supply

E. E. Hall, evangelist; J. W. Hunt, discontinued; W. C. Thompson, superannuated.

## LOCAL ELDERS

W. E. Boger.....	Oskaloosa, Iowa	A. Zoring.....	Oskaloosa, Iowa
A. S. Doughty.....	Fairfield, "	Ira F. Beach.....	Moravia, "
H. S. Carpenter.....	Fairfield, "	A. L. Mossman.....	Radcliffe, "
I. H. Gorrell.....	Fairfield, "	J. M. Lute.....	Morning Sun, "
S. S. Stewart.....	Fairfield, "		

## LOCAL PREACHERS

J. A. Fenwick.....	Des Moines, Iowa	R. Earl.....	Summerset, Iowa
H. Strickland.....	Centerville, "	Henry Hepker.....	Toddville, "
F. M. Roberts.....	Ackworth, "	C. Beck.....	Foster, "
J. Farley.....	Ackworth, "		

## MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth session was held at Birmingham, Iowa, September 2-5, 1908. Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided with much grace and ability. His preaching was pungent and many were moved to a point of decision by it. We were also glad to have Sister Sellew with us, representing the interests of the publishing house.

The following brethren were present and occupied honorary seats in the conference: Revs. B. D. Fay and W. S. Scaff, of the Illinois conference; and Rev. J. A. Manning, of the Kansas conference. Rev. B. D. Fay represented the interests of the Evansville Seminary, raising in cash and subscriptions \$705 for that school.

The women of the W. F. M. S. held a missionary service Sunday afternoon, at which time Bishop Sellew preached a stirring missionary sermon which brought inspiration and conviction along missionary lines. An offering was taken for foreign missions to the amount of \$247.55.

The interests of the Woodstock Orphans' Home was represented by E. E. Hall, he receiving \$86 for that institution.

This was one of the most spiritual sessions in the history of our conference. Seekers were at the altar at every service and many were saved or sanctified wholly. May the fire continue throughout our borders. Amen.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—	\$119.10.
CHURCH EXTENSION—	\$74.40.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—	\$142.72.
PERMANENT FUND—	\$39.70.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—	\$317.60.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—	\$113.48.
CHILDREN'S FUND—	\$21.73.
EDUCATIONAL FUND—	\$3.61.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—	\$144.03.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Recognizing the potency of the Sunday-school, as an agency for good, John Wesley incorporated it into his great work. In a letter to his Brother Charles, he said, "The Sunday-school is one of the noblest institutions, and will increase more and more, provided teachers and inspectors do their duty."

We regret that last year's conference report shows a less number of

schools and scholars than for five years before. This ought not to be with the facilities we have for improvements. We are thankful for the efficient help and encouragement our worthy conference Sunday-school secretary, W. W. Vinson, has given us the past year. Let us organize Teacher Training classes wherever we can, and put into practical operation "The Ten Points of Excellence" published by Rev. William B. Olmstead, our general Sunday-school secretary.

We cannot lay too much stress upon the necessity of thorough work. The primary department needs the greatest attention. First, because the child learns more in the first ten years than any score of years afterwards; second, it is the gateway to every good or evil habit. The "Home Department" and the "Cradle Roll," as a means to an end, cannot receive too much attention.

We deem it very necessary that our Sunday-schools unite and organize into circuit and district associations, as that will assist in creating a deeper interest and promote a spirit of union and harmony among our faithful workers.

So let us double our diligence to save our children to the church and to heaven, and provide for them the most proficient teachers and workers possible. We believe the Sunday-school requisites to be had at our publishing house are of the highest standard, and we earnestly hope their circulation will be greatly increased among us this year. We recommend that a conference Sunday-school secretary, with evangelistic relation, be elected; and ten cents a member for each school be raised for his expenses.

## II.—ON CHARITIES.

The Apostolic church was confronted with the necessity of calling a council for the purpose of regulating the distribution of the fund for the poor, thereby giving us the doctrine of stewardship which is obligatory upon us as individuals, societies, and the church, if we purpose to live in harmony with God's word and enjoy the blessings that come to those who obey God in every good word and work. We are told by St. James that to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, is the result of pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father.

Again it is recorded in the New Testament, "That if a brother or a sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?"

We as a church have launched two institutions for the care of children, and a like number for the care of old people; namely, the Gerry Homes, at Gerry, New York and the Chicago Industrial Home for Children and the Old Peoples' Rest Home, the latter two having their headquarters in Chicago, with farm and buildings at Woodstock, Illinois. We recommend the prayers and charity of our people everywhere interested in these institutions.

## III.—ON EDUCATION.

With the rise of Methodism came a revival of learning. Mr. Wesley early saw the need of schools of instruction and was ever a friend and patron of learning.

The origin of our own branch of Methodism witnessed the founding of schools where intellectual training could be secured under environments most favorable to spiritual growth and development. No history of Free Methodism would be complete without a record of the heroic struggles of which our seven seminaries and one college have been founded.

The value of these institutions is recognized from a number of considerations. We call attention to the following:

1. They are a potent factor in affecting the salvation of our young peo-

ple, and in the development of a vigorous Christian character so essential to the permanency of our work.

2. They are centers from which radiate the light, and truths which characterize us as a people, and thus tend to perpetuate those distinctive principles for which we contend.

3. From these institutions come an army of noble young men and women who shall fill responsible positions in life. They assist in filling up the ranks of our ministry and furnish many missionaries to heathen lands.

It is therefore with pleasure that we commend the work of our educational institutions. We make especial mention of Greenville College, of whose board of trustees one of our ministers is a member; also of Evansville Seminary. We note that a commendable effort is being made by the trustees through their field secretary, Rev. B. D. Fay, to erect a building and provide an endowment fund commensurate with the needs of the institution; and we will render such aid as we can in this enterprise.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>FAIRFIELD DISTRICT</b>												
Fairfield.....	\$ 2 05		\$ 52 65	\$ 2 50	\$ 300 50	\$100	\$ 81 18		1	\$ 1200	1	\$ 900
Birmingham and Oak Grove....	1 55	\$ 3 36	52 00	2 25	350 00	84	75 85	24 00	2	2000	1	800
Centerville.....			32 45	1 50	330 60	50	43 10	21 85	1	1000	1	500
Ottumwa.....		5 12	85 00	3 20	552 59	100	105 95	60 70	2	2500	1	1100
Brompton.....		2 00	23 40	65	68 85	50	35 35	55 00	1	800		
Eldon and Hickory Ridge.....			13 79	1 00	38 00		32 00	30 28	1	1000	1	1200
Sigourney and Brighton.....				65	113 73		33 65	8 85	2			
Coalport and Mt. Zion.....				70	204 17	43	25 35	39 02	2	1500	1	600
White Elm and Bethel.....				1 75					2	1400		
<b>BURLINGTON DISTRICT</b>												
Burlington, (North Hill).....			18 96	1 45	342 30	100	47 79	45 00	1	3500	1	800
Morning Sun.....		1 00	66 48	1 85	302 00	72	55 61	23 17	1	1000	1	1100
South Hill, (Burlington).....		2 00	17 77	1 00	131 29		34 22		1	3000	1	1500
<b>DES MOINES DISTRICT</b>												
Newton and Sugar Grove.....			20 19	1 10	332 76	96	49 00	25 00	2	2000	1	1500
Des Moines.....		1 63	37 83	2 15	430 32	142	50 18	20 15		1000		
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel..			33 67	2 20	386 50	95	73 91	78 00	2	1800	1	1800
Rose Hill and Oskaloosa.....		2 15	13 75	1 60	309 00	72	54 51	5 55	2	1800	1	800
Ackworth, Chariton and Mason..				1 85	287 70	50	77 22	13 85	1	1800	1	500
Barnes City.....					107 75	60	19 72		1	700	1	425
<b>CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT</b>												
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....		1 21	23 00	1 10	300 00	75	32 50	25 00	2	2400	1	1000
Toddville and Number One.....		10 00		2 30	466 00	60	70 32		2	2000	1	600
Cedar Rapids and Marion.....			36 63	2 55	462 91	100	79 15	49 54	2	2000	2	1300
Maquoketa and Irion Hill.....		3 50	39 46	65	297 34	45	79 07	195 00	5	5500	1	600
Radcliffe.....				75		60	66 95		1	1200	1	500
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, etc.....			11 63	1 70	325 00	60	63 91	20 00	3	4000	2	2000
Conrad.....				65		60	8 54		1	800	1	300
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 7 10</b>	<b>\$31 97</b>	<b>\$ 569 02</b>	<b>\$37 10</b>	<b>\$6439 31</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>\$1306 03</b>	<b>\$ 759 96</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$ 45900</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$ 19525</b>

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

FAIRFIELD, BURLINGTON, DES MOINES AND CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT																												
W. W. Vinson, District Elder																												
Fairfield.....	G. A. Anderson.....	52	2	54	3	1	1	10	90	11	20	9	7 50	7 50	7 50	3 90	3 90	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	
Birmingham and Oak Grove.....	F. C. Behner.....	58	12	63	1	1	2	14	91	11	18	10	8 10	8 10	8 10	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	
Centerville.....	G. E. Lahr.....	58	12	63	1	1	2	14	91	11	18	10	8 10	8 10	8 10	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	
Ottumwa.....	T. M. Fenwick.....	72	4	76	3	3	2	14	100	5	25	60	11 52	9 60	9 60	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52	11 52		
Brompton.....	E. F. Samuelson.....	14	14	14	2	1	1	8	42	8	2	28	2 87	3 60	3 60	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87		
Eldon and Hickory Ridge.....	W. W. Vinson.....	17	17	17	1	1	1	5	25	7	2	2	2 87	3 60	3 60	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87		
Signorney, Delta and Brighton.....	W. W. Vinson.....	11	11	11	1	1	1	5	25	7	2	2	2 87	3 60	3 60	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87		
Coalport and Mt. Zion.....	Frank Lathrop.....	12	12	12	1	1	1	5	25	7	2	2	2 87	3 60	3 60	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87		
White Elm and Bethel.....	William Heger.....	36	36	36	1	1	2	10	80	5	14	00	6 30	5 25	5 25	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30		
BURLINGTON DISTRICT																												
W. W. Vinson, District Elder																												
Burlington (North Hill).....	C. L. Manning.....	31	3	34	1	1	1	5	40	9	11	60	5 22	4 35	4 35	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	5 22	
Morning Sun.....	J. W. White.....	42	9	51	1	1	2	16	106	9	14	80	6 66	5 55	5 55	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	6 66	
South Hill (Burlington).....	W. W. Vinson.....	20	20	20	1	1	1	6	45	2	8	00	3 60	3 00	3 00	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	3 60	
DES MOINES DISTRICT																												
E. N. Miller, District Elder																												
Newton and Sugar Grove.....	Luke Scripser.....	25	5	30	1	1	1	6	35	6	7	85	3 96	3 30	3 30	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	
Des Moines.....	E. A. Clark.....	46	2	48	2	2	1	7	73	6	12	20	7 74	6 45	6 45	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	7 74	
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....	F. M. Smith.....	57	7	64	1	1	2	16	97	7	17	60	7 92	6 66	6 66	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	7 92	
Rose Hill and Okaloosa.....	A. N. Kennedy.....	36	5	41	1	1	1	4	40	17	12	80	6 16	4 80	4 80	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	6 16	
Ackworth, Charlton and Mason.....	Albert Russell.....	37	2	39	4	2	2	10	60	1	4	40	6 80	5 25	5 25	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	6 80	
Barnes City.....	Mrs. S. E. Kennedy, supply.....	9	9	9	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 33	1 65	1 65	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	1 33	
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT																												
E. N. Miller, District Elder																												
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....	W. J. Trimble.....	27	1	28	2	2	2	12	70	...	8	80	3 96	3 30	3 30	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 96	
Toddville and Number One.....	G. G. Booton.....	43	43	43	2	2	2	10	40	10	18	40	6 90	4 60	4 60	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	6 90	
Cedar Rapids and Marion.....	T. J. Fuller.....	55	9	64	3	3	2	16	111	14	21	28	7 65	5 10	5 10	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	
Maquoketa and Iron Hill.....	Mrs. Carrie Miller, supply.....	60	1	61	2	2	1	16	111	13	21	28	7 65	5 10	5 10	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65	
Racine.....	E. N. Miller.....	7	7	7	1	1	1	5	20	10	13	60	2 70	2 25	2 25	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Dunkerton.....	John Bishop.....	32	1	33	1	1	1	6	20	10	13	60	2 70	2 25	2 25	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	
Conrad.....	E. N. Miller.....	8	8	8	1	1	1	5	20	10	13	60	2 70	2 25	2 25	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	
Total.....		828	63	891	30	10	31	196	1235	150	\$ 392	36	\$ 138	20	\$ 106	74	\$ 119	01	\$ 74	06	\$ 184	05	\$ 835	81	\$ 184	05	\$ 835	81



# WABASH CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
HENNING, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 9-12, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

JOHN A. WATSON, *Secretary*    A. F. NISWONGER, *Assistant Secretary*

J. B. LUTZ, *Statistical Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Wilson T. Hogue, A. F. Niswonger, C. A. Fleming, J. T. Erwin.

*On Church Literature*—J. B. Lutz, J. L. Duvall.

*On Reforms*—S. P. Mercer, W. V. Miller.

*On State of the Work*—C. A. Fleming, A. F. Niswonger.

*On Education*—John A. Watson, W. R. Bonham.

*On Sabbath-schools*—A. F. Niswonger, Bell Ford, W. H. Thompson.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—H. J. McKinnel, William H. Haynes, H. B. Ambler.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—C. W. Haney.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—D. S. Moore, R. F. Durham, George Corson.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Wilson T. Hogue, A. F. Niswonger, C. A. Fleming, William McGrayel, Isaac Kesler.

*On Ministerial Relations*—John A. Watson, H. J. McKinnel, A. F. Niswonger, D. S. Moore, S. H. Lewis.

*On Charities*—J. B. Lutz, U. G. Hoover, E. T. Corson, Otto Cook.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John A. Watson, president, for three years; U. S. Ferguson, secretary, for two years; Isaac Kesler, treasurer, for five years; S. H. Lewis, for four years; Elias Lewis, for one year.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A. F. Niswonger, president; John A. Watson, vice-president; J. B. Lutz, secretary; W. G. McVey, treasurer; C. A. Fleming.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

U. G. Hoover, president, for three years; John A. Watson, secretary, for one year; C. A. Fleming, for four years; D. S. Moore, for two years; W. V. Miller, for five years.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. J. McKinnel, president; G. W. Gilkinson, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Erwin, W. H. Thompson, William McGrayel.

## ADDRESSES

Rev. U. S. Ferguson, treasurer, Henning, Illinois.

Mrs. Minnie Miller, Sunday-school secretary, Vincennes, Indiana.

### ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund.

### OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Lena Lutz, president; Emma Goble, recording and corresponding secretary; Daisy Fritchie, treasurer.

### CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—W. R. Bonham,                      *On Sabbath-schools*—J. B. Lutz,  
*On Church Literature*—W. G. McVey,      *On Charities*—H. B. Ambler,  
*On Education*—A. F. Niswonger,              *On State of the Work*—John A. Watson.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,	J. H. Keys,	H. J. McKinnel,
E. H. Lewis,	A. F. Niswonger,	D. S. Moore,
U. S. Ferguson,	John A. Watson,	J. B. Hull,
E. P. Mercer,	E. T. Corson,	H. B. Ambler,
J. L. Duvall,	A. P. Harrell,	G. W. Gilkison,
J. F. Erwin,	W. V. Miller,	J. B. Lutz,
W. G. McVey,	R. F. Durham,	C. W. Haney,
C. A. Fleming,	U. G. Hoover,	Perry E. Morgan,
W. R. Bonham.		

### DELEGATES

Clark Wilson,	Isaac Kesler,	Daisy Fritchie,
W. H. Hayner,	A. C. Knapp,	G. E. Corson,
William Britt,	Bell Ford,	Kate Moseman,
G. A. Williams,	B. A. Melton,	J. W. Gines,
George Beaver,	James P. McCabe,	Clifford Fletcher,
D. Duvall,	W. O. Cook,	John L. Moyer,
S. A. Landis,	W. H. Thompson,	A. J. Sibrel, Jr.,
William McGrayel,	Bell Farris,	Charles Freburg.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, C. A. Fleming, A. F. Niswonger, William McGrayel, Isaac Kesler.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? William H. Haynes, Osmon P. Ellis, Simon A. Landis.

4. Who remain on trial? Joseph H. Jones, Richard A. Watson, C. J. Burnette.

6. Who are the deacons? J. L. Duvall, G. W. Gilkison, C. W. Haney, of the first class.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. F. Erwin, R. F. Durham.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. W. Haney, Perry E. Morgan.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. E. Robbins, S. H. Lewis, J. H. Keys, J. B. Hull.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20, 23. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. H. Keys, \$90; E. E. Robbins, \$100; S. H. Lewis, \$150.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? A. F. Niswonger, D. S. Moore and John A. Watson were appointed a committee to determine the place; the time to be as near the last Tuesday in August, 1909, as can be arranged, by the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The members of this conference and the visitors were entertained with old-fashioned hospitality. The pastor J. F. Erwin, and his loyal society were abundant in labors and made all feel welcome.

The preaching and administration of Bishop Wilson T. Hogue were highly appreciated.

J. F. Erwin and R. F. Durham were ordained elders, and U. E. Harding and F. M. Cullison were ordained local deacons on the Sabbath.

A conference missionary society was organized and a collection of \$400 was raised on Sabbath for this work and for the Indianapolis Mission.

The W. F. M. S. held an interesting meeting on Sabbath afternoon, raising a fund of \$165.

A collection of \$65 was taken Sabbath evening for the resident pastor.

## APPOINTMENTS

ATTICA DISTRICT—A. F. NISWONGER, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois  
Attica, Antioch and Black Rock... Edward G. Grimes, supply, Attica, Indiana  
LaFayette and Frankfort .....

.....H. J. McKinnell, 2013 Jackson street, LaFayette,	"
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton and Pine Village, R. F. Durham, Oxford,	"
Marshfield and Alvin.....J. L. Duvall, Marshfield,	"
Rantoul and Sugar Grove.....J. T. Erwin, Rantoul, Illinois	"
Henning, Bethel and Hoopeston.....U. S. Ferguson, Henning,	"
Urbana.....William H. Haynes, 910 Springfield avenue, Urbana,	"
Danville.....W. R. Bonham, 112 Bowman avenue, Danville,	"
Indianapolis Mission.....J. B. Lutz, Indianapolis, Indiana	

S. H. Lewis, superannuated, Attica, Indiana; A. P. Harrell, evangelist, Crawfordville, Indiana; Perry E. Morgan, supernumerary, Marshfield, Indiana; R. A. Watson, left without an appointment on account of ill-health, Crawfordville, Indiana; U. G. Hoover, left without appointment to act as agent of the Chicago Industrial Home for Children and for the Old Peoples' Rest Home; A. F. Niswonger, member of the Attica district quarterly conference.

WESTFIELD DISTRICT—A. F. NISWONGER, District Elder

Westfield, Casey, Sidel and Mt. Olive.....H. B. Ambler, Westfield, Illinois  
Neoga, Kingman, Pleasant Grove and Janesville.....

.....Joseph H. Jones, Neoga,	"
Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo.....Anna Bright, supply, Arcola,	"
Charleston .....	To be supplied

E. E. Robbins, superannuated; C. W. Haney, supernumerary.

WABASH DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder, 401 Locust street, Vincennes, Indiana

West Salem, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion and Immanuel.....Osmon P. Ellis, West Salem, Illinois  
 Mt. Carmel, Belmont and Friends' Grove, C. J. Burnette, Mt. Carmel, " "  
 Vincennes, Lawrenceville and Decker.....W. V. Miller, Minnie Miller, supply.....409 Sycamore street, Vincennes, Indiana  
 Birds, Bee Branch, Island and Pinkstaff....G. W. Gilkison, Belmont, Illinois  
 Victory, Dark Bend and Chauncy....Alfred Martin, supply, Pinkstaff, " "  
 Clay City and Ashboro.....D. S. Moore, Clay City, Indiana  
 St. Francisville, Liberty and New Hope.....Simon A. Landis, St. Francisville, Illinois  
 Woods chapel.....To be supplied  
 Terre Haute and Vivian City.....W. G. McVey, 1416 Crawford street, Terre Haute, Indiana  
 Sand Creek.....George Ruark, supply  
 C. A. Fleming, conference missionary, 1521 Oak street, Terre Haute, Indiana; J. H. Keys and J. B. Hull, superannuated; John A. Watson, member of the Wabash district quarterly conference.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder

Evansville and Ft. Branch.....S. P. Mercer, Ft. Branch, Indiana  
 Boonville and Yankeetown.....Nellie Allen, supply, Boonville, " "  
 Tennyson, Bloomfield and Millstone.....E. T. Carson, Tennyson, " "

## EVANGELISTS

W. O. Cook....West Salem, Illinois Elizabeth Wigland, Danville, Illinois  
 Mrs. Pyrla Long, Marshfield, Indiana Charles Alexander, Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Mrs. E. A. Entsler, LaFayette, Indiana Flora Alexander, Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Zadoc Duvall....Marshfield, Indiana U. E. Harding, Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Henry Arnold.....Rankin, Illinois Mrs. Nellie Morgan, Marshfield, Indiana  
 Mrs. Pearl Arnold....Rankin, " Mrs. Blanche Perigo, Greenville, Illinois  
 Mrs. Orinda Jackson, LaFayette, Indiana

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Frank Johnson, LaFayette, Indiana Jacob Bowman....Chrisney, Indiana  
 Henry Duval, Hartford City, " Earnest Perigo....Greenville, Illinois  
 E. T. Lloyd.....Marshfield, " Luther Dagley....Boswell, Indiana  
 Amos Shaw.....Hoopeston, Illinois N. S. Ogborn, Pine Village, " "  
 W. H. Delbridge.....Neoga, " F. M. Cullison, Lawrenceville, Illinois  
 Henderson Hedrick, Lawrenceville, Illinois G. H. Vaught, Mt. Carmel, Illinois  
 Edward Clegg, Lawrenceville, Illinois T. H. Duvall, Terre Haute, Indiana  
 John McCabe ...Evansville, " "  
 Henry Phillipps, Yankeetown, Indiana A. Martin.....Pinkstaff, Illinois  
 Mitchel Lank.....Oxford, Indiana  
 Walker Youngblood, Yankeetown, Indiana Newel Wilson.....Toledo, Illinois  
 Charles Gunn....Cannelton, Indiana

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—Collected, \$23.60.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$98.30.

GENERAL MISSION FUND.—Apportioned and collected, \$147.45.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and collected, \$176.94.

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$117.96.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and collected, \$393.20.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Collected by pastors, \$65.65; collected by W. F. M. S., \$446.12.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Collected, \$8.90.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Collected, \$6.15.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON REFORMS.

While the chief aim of our church work is the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers, yet where these are occurring fruits will follow in the lives of those reached and won by our ministries. A truly, enlightened, converted and sanctified man or woman is found on the right side of every moral issue. Some of the issues we might mention are,

1. TEMPERANCE.—Some one has said, "We may preach about it, and sing about it, and weep about it, and pray about it until Gabriel blows his trumpet, and if we do nothing more we shall accomplish little. The millionaire brewer and the red-faced saloon-keeper want us to keep right on in that way. Meanwhile they will only laugh at us. We cannot preach the saloon out; we cannot sing it out; we cannot resolve it out; we cannot pray it out, but we can arise from our knees, and trusting in God, go forth to smite the monster by the all-conquering power of the citizen's ballot. That and that alone will cause this devouring offspring of Satan to tremble."

God's people have been learning this lesson and we have great cause to rejoice at the many gracious victories won by the reform forces. The saloon element on the other hand are thoroughly aroused and are contesting every inch of territory gained. This will call for united and persevering work on the part of the friends of sobriety and righteousness. There is no place for rest until complete victory is won.

A writer in the *Religious Telescope* says: "Hannibal lost Italy and Rome by resting and wintering his army at Cannae. He had crossed the Alps and won great victories. Had he pressed on instead of resting and wintering, he could have taken and destroyed Rome and made himself complete master of all Italy. Let the temperance workers and voters take warning from the fate of Hannibal. It is not enough to wage a heroic campaign and vote out the saloon of this, that, and other towns. Of course that is a grand work. But even then the battle is just begun. Unless that victory is followed up by keeping the army that fights the saloon well organized and ever on the firing line, seeing to it that the law is vigorously enforced and obeyed, it will only be a short time until the saloons will rally their forces and the town, the county, the state will be again voted 'wet.'"

We would suggest that such a warfare be waged until our efforts are crowned with the victory of national prohibition.

2. COMMERCIALISM.—We notice a tendency on the part of some to be over-anxious concerning temporal wealth. Jesus warned against the love of money and laying up treasures on earth. Many who were once blessed and a blessing have lost the sweetness and joy out of their souls because of imbibing the commercial spirit of this age.

SECRECY.—The growth of secret organizations, especially in some of the smaller towns, is to be deplored. Men who never attend the services of the sanctuary will turn out in full regalia, pomp, and pride at those travesties



on every thing that is sacred—lodge funerals. Let us not fail to bear intelligent witness against these hidden works of darkness. We recommend the "serious perusal" of President Blanchard's "Modern Secret Societies," as a safeguard against this growing evil.

**DRESS.**—There has been a time when some among us went to an extreme on the question of plain attire. As one extreme often follows another, we are sorry to notice the tendency of some to worldliness in dress at the present time. Let us keep the spirit as well as the letter of the Scriptures and of the Discipline, in this matter, watching over each other in love.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—Sunday visiting, Sunday newspapers, secular conversation on the Sabbath, Sunday excursions, and Sunday amusements are on the increase to an alarming extent. A railway conductor recently remarked that people had quit attending church on Sunday, and gave for a reason the fact that his train had 800 passengers, between Evansville and Terre Haute on the Lord's day. Our pulpits should give forth no uncertain sound on this irreverent use of God's holy day.

Closely related to the desecration of the Sabbath is the wrong use of the means that God has placed in the hands of the American people. One of the leading magazines reports that during this present year more money has been spent in pleasure resorts, theaters and amusements of various kinds, than ever before in the same length of time. This craze of pleasure seeking has paralyzed efforts in the lines of spiritual advancement in many of our cities as well as in smaller towns.

Let us therefore bear in mind the apostolic injunction, "Love not the world, neither the things in the world."

## II.—ON EDUCATION.

True education furnishes the mind with useful knowledge and trains and develops all the faculties of the entire man so that he may make the most of himself for time and eternity.

Next to the study of God in importance is the study of man; and he who understands the underlying principles of the proper development of the physical, mental, moral and spiritual faculties, and who devotes his life to the training of the rising generation, is a benefactor to the individual, to the family, the church, and the state.

The work of the teacher is one of the greatest works in the world. The artist, with great skill, applies his colors to the canvas and produces a picture that makes him famous; the sculptor stands before a rough column of marble, with mallet and chisel he works skilfully and patiently and forces the dumb marble to speak for the ideal that was in his mind; but he who labors to unfold, develop and direct the youthful mind is doing a work that will endure when the greatest pictures have faded and the grandest monuments have crumbled into dust.

When we consider that in our nation there are over 300,000 school teachers and more than 10,000,000 of students, we are impressed with the importance of the work of education.

The public school system is a great blessing to our land. It is the poor man's friend. It opens the door of opportunity to hundreds of children born in ignorance and poverty. By spreading general intelligence it is a safe-guard to liberty.

We regret however that with few exceptions the public schools, colleges, and universities fail to build up their students in a deeply spiritual knowledge of God. The knowledge of God is the greatest knowledge. The first four words in the Bible are, "In the beginning God." Some one has said that in the work of education our motto should be, "In the beginning God."

The education of the child should begin early. It has been said that the education of a child should begin four hundred years before it is born. However that may be, Blessed is the child whose first conscious sight is a tender,

pious mother; who early hears songs, prayers and ascriptions of praise to God, and whose feet are early guided in the way of His commandments.

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John Wesley said, "You might as well send your children to the devil as to send them to the public school." We do not say that, but we do say our denominational schools are a necessity. There our children can be given instruction in the various branches of useful knowledge, fitting them for usefulness in social and business circles, and at the same time building them up in strong, symmetrical Christian character.

We thank God for our seminaries and for Greenville college. We urge our people to support these institutions by their prayers, their means, and general patronage. We call special attention to the good work being done by Greenville College and urge our people to give it their hearty support.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ATTICA DISTRICT												
Attica, Antioch, Black Rock.....			\$ 60 00	\$ 2 40	\$ 371 00	\$100 00	\$ 42 16	\$ 29 73	3	4000	1	\$ 2500
LaFayette and Frankfort.....	\$ 50	\$ 50	40 00	1 45	350 00	50	50 00	70 00	2	1800	1	500
Oxford, Boswell, Templeton, etc.		70	45 43	2 20	323 00	60	45 00	75 78	4	4500	1	680
Marshfield.....			20 10	1 95	300 00	100	45 00	40 50	1	800	1	800
Henning, Bethel, Hoopston.....			51 73	2 15	400 00	84	75 20	91 30	3	3000	1	900
Urbana.....			15 00	1 20	315 00	120	40 00	33 67	1	1500	1	1500
Rantoul.....				40	302 42	60	26 50	17 00	1	1000	1	1000
Sugar Grove.....				25	200 00		30 55	12 00	1	800		
Danville.....			65 00	2 50	500 25	150	70 00	30 00	1	3500	1	2500
WESTFIELD DISTRICT												
Westfield, Casey and Sidell.....	1 00	1 00	55 00	1 80	380 00	100	40 00	14 65	3	2800	1	1250
Pleasant Grove and Janesville..	1 85	2 00	30 00	2 10	425 00	70	50 50	105 33	2	2000		
Arcola, Tuscola and Camargo....	2 00	2 00		1 20	239 31	60	40 00	23 15	3	2300	1	800
Neogo, Kingman and Charleston			26 02	1 20	68 00		36 63	16 00	3	2500	1	800
Mt. Olive.....				20			6 30		1	600		
WABASH DISTRICT												
West Salem, Mt. Hope, etc.....			28 00	4 65	440 00		70 00	163 54	4	3000	1	800
Birds, Bee Branch and Island....			30 00	3 05	478 00	96	66 00	68 00	3	3700	1	1300
St. Francisville, Liberty, etc....			41 68	1 65	388 82	84	50 78	90 40	3	3000	1	1500
Belmont.....			13 00	1 10	80 00	60	16 00	29 00	1	900	1	600
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, etc....			68 00	4 60	587 00	80	65 00	96 25	2	3000	1	700
Mt. Carmel.....			30 39	1 35	341 50	106	36 00	21 70	1	1300	1	1500
Clay City and Ashboro.....			50 00	2 95	415 00	84	70 00	140 00	2	2450	1	1050
Terre Haute.....	2 70	2 70	58 00	2 00	269 62	89	50 00	26 00	1	1500		
Indianapolis Mission.....			10 10		210 50	72	25 00	104 73				
Vivian City.....					15 00			12 50				
Friend Grove.....					12 25							
Victory and Dark Bend.....				55			34 32		2	2000		
Sand Creek.....					30 20		6 00					
Shoals.....				35					1			
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT												
Evansville and Ft. Branch.....			13 35	1 70	282 65	72	39 10	8 35	2	2900	2	1275
Boonville and Yankeetown.....				50	171 50		10 00	4 10				
Tennysen, Bloomfield, etc.....			22 22	3 40	395 00	60	05 00	162 60	3	2000	2	900
	\$ 6 15	\$ 8 90	\$ 773 02	\$ 48 85	\$ 2826 12	1758	1201 04	\$ 1486 28	54	\$ 56850 22	\$ 22755	



# NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
KNOX, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 23-26, 1908

## OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*

ROBERT H. CLARK, *Secretary* WILSON T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary*

T. JOHN RUSSELL, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Burton R. Jones, W. T. Loring, T. J. Russell.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Education*—R. H. Clark, W. T. Loring, S. L. Wass.

*On Publications*—T. J. Russell, Ed. F. Russell, J. B. Robinette.

*On Sunday-schools*—T. J. Russell, E. Hooton, Jennie Bean.

*On Reforms*—J. M. Jolly, D. D. Marston, S. L. Wass.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—The stationing committee.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—S. H. Matthews.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. B. Robinette, Ed. F. Russell.

*On Ministerial Relations*—S. H. Matthews, J. B. Robinette, T. J. Russell,  
Joseph Cryer, M. T. Hepner, S. L. Wass.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. B. Robinette, for one year; D. D. Marston, for two years; W. T. Loring,  
for three years.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Kate Wade, president, 712 North Chestnut street, Mishawaka, Indiana;  
Mrs. Sadie Bowser, vice-president, 1232 East Creighton avenue, Fort  
Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Loring, vice-president, 1318 East Creighton  
avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. Effie Russell, treasurer, 1311 South  
Rush street, South Bend, Indiana; Miss Anna Matthews, corresponding  
and recording secretary, R. R. 6, Columbia City, Indiana; Mrs. Carolyn  
Gates, superintendent of Junior work, 802 East Lawrence street, Misha-  
waka, Indiana.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (22 cents), and special collection for Sisters  
Gitchell and Reynolds; second quarter, Church Extension, General Mis-  
sions; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quar-  
ter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents).

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat  
in this conference?

### PREACHERS

R. H. Clark,  
T. J. Loring,  
A. F. Godwin,

W. T. Loring,  
J. E. Kemp,  
C. W. Wade,

S. H. Matthews,  
J. B. Robinette,  
H. L. Smith,

## PREACHERS—Continued

J. M. Jolly,  
T. J. Russell,  
B. R. Parks,  
M. Williams.

R. Callison,  
H. E. Woodard,  
E. Mellott,

D. D. Marston,  
J. W. Archer,  
J. A. Vore,

## DELEGATES

S. L. Wass,  
M. T. Hepner,  
Ed. F. Russell,  
Joseph Cryer,  
Kate Wade,  
Susan Outerson.

J. Gallimore,  
L. A. Arndt,  
Homer Hays,  
Jennie Bean,  
Mattie Nicholson,

Nancy Reynolds,  
Earl Hooton,  
Eudora Swyhart,  
Nettie Newmier,  
C. N. Bull,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, W. T. Loring, C. W. Wade, E. F. Russell, Joseph Cryer.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Archie D. Shady.
4. Who remain on trial? G. H. Scofield, C. S. Huston, F. S. Parks.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Monroe Williams.
6. Who are the deacons? M. Williams, of the first class; J. M. Jolly, H. E. Woodard, J. W. Archer, B. R. Parks, E. Mellott, J. A. Vore, of the second class.
7. Who\* have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. J. Russell.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. M. Jolly.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. E. Kemp, A. F. Godwin.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? H. C. Ingersoll, under censure.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. H. Clark, H. L. Smith, H. E. Woodard, J. D. Reynolds.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, \$60; Nancy H. Reynolds, \$35.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Elkhart, Indiana, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1909, as will be convenient with the plans of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

KNOX DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder, Columbia City, Indiana  
 Knox and Toto.....J. A. J. Tannehill, supply, Knox, Indiana  
 Medaryville.....Carson Moore, supply, Medaryville, "  
 Crown Point.....Fred S. Parks, Crown Point, "  
 Springville, La Porte, Heston, Bunker Hill and Organ Schoolhouse,  
 .....R. Callison, R. R. 1, La Porte, "



South Bend.....T. J. Russell, 1311 South Rush street, South Bend, Indiana  
 Mishawaka and River Park.....J. B. Robinette, Mishawaka, "  
 Elkhart.....Bertha Rinebolt, supply, 111 Princeton street, Elkhart, "  
 Granger .....Monroe Williams, Granger, "

B. R. Parks, supplying First church, Chicago, Illinois; J. E. Kemp, superannuated, Elkhart, Indiana; J. A. Vore, supplying work in Michigan conference; H. L. Smith, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer; J. M. Jolly, supernumerary, South Bend, Indiana; J. W. Archer, supplying work in North Michigan conference; H. E. Woodard, given a certificate of standing with view to transfer; C. W. Wade, left without appointment, 712 North Chestnut street, Mishawaka, Indiana.

#### FORT WAYNE DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder

Fort Wayne..W. T. Loring, 1318 East Creighton avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
 Columbia City and Lorane.....C. S. Huston, Columbia City, "  
 Forest Chapel and Sugar Grove.....  
 .....S. H. Matthews, R. R. 6, Columbia City, "  
 Fremont .....To be supplied  
 D. D. Marston, member of the Fort Wayne district quarterly conference.

#### UNION CITY DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder

Union City.....E. Mellott, 207 North Walnut street, Union City, Indiana  
 Bluffton, College Corners and Upland.....T. J. Loring, Bluffton, "  
 Muncie and De Soto.....A. D. Shady, Muncie, "  
 Redkey .....Nellie Mulholland, supply, Redkey, "

A. F. Godwin, superannuated, Centreville, Indiana; G. H. Scofield, missionary to China; R. H. Clark, given a certificate of standing with view to transfer; J. D. Reynolds, transferred to Central Illinois conference.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>KNOX DISTRICT</b>												
Knox and To To.....	\$ 7 50	\$ 3 10	\$ 67 73	\$ 3 55	\$ 442 69	\$ 78	\$ 76 80	\$ 79 84	2	2800	1	\$ 500
Medaryville.....			1 50	310 00		41 00	19 00	1	2500			
Springville, Michigan City, etc.....		5 38	29 88	2 55	262 00	36	54 40	29 00	1	1500	1	600
Crown Point.....			1 05	300 00	80	62 25	2 43	1	1200	1	600	
River Park.....			21 10	1 05	249 47		43 40	1 25	1	800		
Granger.....		1 36		55	161 81	10	21 40		1	1200		
South Bend.....			35 50	2 10	304 00	88	64 55		1	4000	1	3000
Mishawaka.....	2 00		42 41	1 35	242 73	79	55 99		1	3500		
Heston, Bunker Hill, Organ.....	2 63				300 00		49 89		1	300		
Elkhart.....		88	13 31	1 65	152 69	100	35 50	6 55	1	1000	1	1400
<b>FORT WAYNE DISTRICT</b>												
Fort Wayne.....			64 81	2 50	516 00	66	69 00	42 23	1	2500	1	1500
Columbia City and Lorane.....			12 30	1 00	125 00	10	44 00	10 00	2	2000	1	700
Forest Chapel and Sugar Grove.....			10 77		190 97	60	44 71	10 37	2	1500	1	1000
Bluffton.....				50	30 00				1	700		
Fremont.....				10	13 00		2 60		1	150	1	150
<b>UNION CITY DISTRICT</b>												
Union City.....			30 00	28	167 85	60	20 57	10 48	1	2300	1	700
Upland and College Corners.....		1 50	17 66		161 89		30 00	17 04	2	2000		
Muncie and DeSoto.....			44 25	45	205 54	86	32 00		1	900	1	700
Redkey.....			8 00	30	7 02	60	12 85	12 00				
Total .....	\$ 7 50	\$16 85	\$ 397 72	\$20 48	\$4142 48	\$787	\$750 91	\$ 231 19	22	\$ 30850	11	\$10850

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

KNOX, FORT WAYNE AND UNION CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies							
KNOX DISTRICT										W. T. Loring, District Elder																								
Knox and To To.....	82	9	91	2	20	150	8	28	40	12	78	21	31	10	65	7	10	85	7	10	85	7	10	85	7	10	85	7	10	85	7	10	85	
Medaryville.....	18	1	19	1	5	25	3	10	36	5	40	4	60	4	60	3	40	4	60	3	40	4	60	3	40	4	60	3	40	4	60	3	40	
Springville, Mich. City, LaPorte.....	26	3	29	1	11	36	7	20	40	9	38	15	30	7	65	6	10	30	7	65	6	10	30	7	65	6	10	30	7	65	6	10	30	
Crown Point.....	23	1	24	1	9	30	5	8	33	3	38	3	15	3	15	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	
River Park.....	21	3	24	1	7	30	4	2	40	7	45	6	30	6	30	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	
Granger.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
South Bend.....	34	1	35	1	8	44	4	16	50	7	65	4	65	6	30	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	
Newburg.....	34	1	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hector, Bunker Hill and Organ.....	20	13	33	2	13	50	5	5	20	4	88	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	4	65	
Elkhart.....	18	11	29	1	4	20	2	5	20	2	34	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	1	36	
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT										O. W. Wade, District Elder																								
Fort Wayne.....	50	1	51	1	10	55	9	20	20	9	90	7	60	7	60	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	
Columbia City and Loraine.....	19	2	21	1	5	20	5	7	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	3	40	
Forest Chapel and Sugar Grove.....	24	1	25	1	7	26	5	7	00	4	32	1	48	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	
Britton.....	9	3	12	1	1	1	1	3	90	1	80	3	00	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	
Freshmont.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	80	38	60	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	
UNION CITY DISTRICT										O. W. Wade, District Elder																								
Union City.....	15	2	17	1	6	30	2	1	75	90	1	25	1	00	1	00	2	30	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00
Upland and College Corners.....	13	5	18	1	6	30	1	3	60	1	62	1	35	2	35	3	60	1	35	3	60	1	35	3	60	1	35	3	60	1	35	3	60	
Muncie and DeSoto.....	14	1	15	1	8	16	1	2	40	1	10	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	
Redkey.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total.....										439 51										490 10 319 144 636 71 157 94 74 03 82 69 64 55 43 80 17 96 241 79														

# SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1908

## OFFICERS

JOHN S. M'GEARY, *President*  
WILLIAM H. CLARK, *Secretary*      T. C. GIVENS, *Assistant Secretary*  
C. J. HESSLER, *Assistant Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—J. S. M'Geary, H. W. Fish, W. E. Sitzler, William Sullivan, M. S. Babcock, H. L. Crockett.  
*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.  
*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—M. S. Babcock.  
*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.  
*On Reforms*—J. S. Bradbrook, H. W. Fish, W. A. Morse, C. A. Lowell, C. E. Christman.  
*On Education*—C. A. Balch, H. L. Crockett, C. A. Lowell, E. D. F. Holden, G. S. Coons.  
*On Sunday-schools*—J. H. Gramps, G. B. Lane, C. H. Hudson, J. G. Cole, W. A. Morse.  
*On Publications*—D. C. Stanton, O. O. Burley, B. F. Durfee, J. C. Hessler, E. E. Pennock.  
*On the State of the Work*—The district elders (elected last year).  
*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. H. Gramps, C. H. Hudson, E. D. F. Holden, O. O. Burley.

## CONFERENCE TREASURER

All conference collections should be sent to the treasurer, H. L. Crockett, 125 Oneida street, Syracuse, New York.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. W. Fish, O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, M. S. Babcock, E. D. F. Holden.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

H. W. Fish, V. M. Foskett, George Milem, term of office expires in 1909; W. E. Sitzler, O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, term of office expires in 1910; W. H. Clark, O. P. Ray, J. H. Gramps, term of office expires in 1911.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. H. Wyeth, president, term expires in 1911; C. A. Balch, secretary, term expires 1910; C. J. Hessler, term expires in 1909.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS

T. Whiffin, president, Cortland, New York; C. A. Lowell, treasurer, Cortland, New York; Mrs. Josephine S. Roupe, secretary, 4 Emerson Place, Binghamton, New York; W. E. Sitzler, C. H. Kresge, C. F. Mercereau, Mrs. C. Labrum.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—D. C. Stanton,                      *On Sunday-schools*—G. B. Lane,  
*On Education*—W. H. Clark,                      *On Publications*—T. Whiffin,  
                                                                                  *On State of the Work*—H. W. Fish.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents); second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension Fund (10 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund. A special collection of 10 cents a member was ordered taken during the first quarter for the use of the conference missionary board, the same to be forwarded to the secretary of the same; address given above.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

Z. Osborne,	F. I. Labrum,	Levi Kelley,
A. Smith,	S. Ghent,	W. J. Riker,
O. S. Baker,	G. B. Lane,	M. S. Babcock,
H. W. Fish,	W. H. Clark,	C. A. Balch,
H. L. Crockett,	F. J. Dunham,	F. S. Shaw,
H. E. Barnes,	Perry Ball,	J. G. Cole,
W. Crossman,	O. O. Burley,	J. A. Tholens,
F. W. Cathey,	J. D. Jenkins,	C. H. Hudson,
G. S. Coons,	C. J. Hessler,	B. J. Austin,
J. H. Gramps,	John Roberts,	J. S. Bradbrook,
Harvey Brink,	T. Whiffin,	O. N. Frink,
C. A. Fox,	T. C. Givens,	G. M. Dunham,
O. M. Owen,	C. E. Christman,	D. C. Stanton,
W. E. Sitzer,	C. M. Sanford,	J. C. Hessler,
E. H. Wyeth,	Bernard Russel,	L. S. King,
F. J. Hessler,	C. C. Watson,	M. H. Kendrick,
O. N. Fero.		

## DELEGATES

William Hessler,	Clara Parsons,	Louise Macomber,
Janette Osmun,	Zenas Miner,	J. C. Torrey,
Charlotte Bolles,	B. F. Durfee,	S. E. Stanton,
Cornelia King,	John Brace,	Hattie Fox,
Walter A. Morse,	Jacob Longrod,	Isabelle White,
Emma Squires,	E. D. F. Holden,	H. S. Hall,
Martin Quackenbush,	E. E. Pennock,	David S. Parker,
William Annibal,	C. A. Lowell,	W. W. Pulver,
A. M. Craig,	C. W. Hotaling,	C. W. Wadsworth,
Charles Dixon,	F. G. Collett,	James McIntyre,
Benjamin Cretser,	Frank Burnett,	S. M. Richmond,
J. W. Kemp.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? John S. M'Geary, H. W. Fish, J. S. Bradbrook, D. C. Stanton, E. H. Wyeth, C. A. Lowell, E. E. Pennock, E. D. F. Holden, Clara Parsons.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Elmer O. Webster, C. W. Wadsworth.

4. Who remain on trial? S. I. Folts, C. M. Hartson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. J. Hessler, C. C. Watson, O. N. Fero.
6. Who are the deacons? Bernard Russel, H. D. Brink, John Roberts, F. J. Hessler, C. C. Watson, O. N. Fero.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. D. Jenkins, G. B. Lane.
8. Who have located this year? G. D. Baker, at his own request.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? B. J. Austin, A. Smith, C. M. Sanford, G. M. Dunham, Perry Ball.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. S. King, Levi Kelly, W. Crossman, Z. Osborne, O. N. Frink, F. I. Labrum, F. W. Cathey.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? The time was fixed as near the middle of September, 1909, as may be convenient for the bishops. The place was left with a committee consisting of H. W. Fish, O. S. Baker and W. H. Clark.

## APPOINTMENTS

### SYRACUSE DISTRICT—J. S. BRADBROOK, District Elder

Syracuse and Pompey, H. L. Crockett, 125 Oneida street, Syracuse, New York  
 East Syracuse.....G. B. Lane, East Syracuse, " "  
 Chittenango Station.....S. I. Folts, Chittenango Station, " "  
 Fulton.....G. S. Coons, 352 South 3rd street, Fulton, " "  
 Weedsport and Port Byron.....O. B. Russel, Weedsport, " "  
 Watertown.....C. A. Fox, 325 Moulton street, Watertown, " "  
 Calafornia.....F. G. Collett, supply, Harrisville, " "  
 Carthage.....To be supplied  
 Oneida.....C. E. Robbins, supply, Oneida, New York  
 Gouverneur, Talleville and Emeryville.....L. E. Rowley, supply

Z. Osborne, O. N. Frink, superannuated; B. J. Austin, A. Smith, supernumerary; J. S. Bradbrook, member of the Syracuse district quarterly conference.

### CLYDE DISTRICT—J. S. BRADBROOK, District Elder

Rose and Clyde.....C. J. Hessler, Rose, Wayne county, New York  
 Alton.....O. N. Fero, Alton, Wayne county, " "  
 East Williamson...D. C. Stanton, East Williamson, Wayne county, " "  
 West Webster.....C. C. Watson, West Webster, Monroe county, " "  
 Union Hill.....F. J. Hessler, Ontario, Wayne county, " "  
 Fairport.....F. J. Dunham, 10 Spring street, Rochester, " "

W. Crossman, superannuated.



## BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—W. E. SITZER, District Elder

Binghamton and Union, W. E. Sitzer, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York  
 Ithaca.....J. G. Cole, Tioga street, Ithaca, " "  
 Norwich.....C. A. Balch, 11 Sheldon street, Norwich, " "  
 Cortland.....T. Whiffin, 9 Schermerhorn street, Cortland, " "  
 Pleasant Valley....M. H. Kendrick, Sherburne, Chenango county, " "  
 North Pharsalia.....To be supplied

F. W. Cathey, L. S. King, F. I. Labrum, 70 Madison street, Cortland, New York, superannuated; C. M. Sanford, supernumerary; C. H. Hudson, manager of the Gerry Home, Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York.

## CORNING DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder, Corning, R. F. D. 2, New York

Corning.....W. J. Riker, 430 East 3rd street, Corning, New York  
 Painter Run.....F. Van Dusen, supply  
 Atlanta, Byersville and Burns.....H. D. Brink, Atlanta, New York  
 Lindley and Curtis....Z. Miner, supply, Lindley, Steuben county, " "  
 E. Caton, W. Caton and Pettigrove, H. E. Barnes, Corning, R. F. D. 3, " "  
 East and West Italy.....E. O. Webster, Naples, " "  
 Sayer, Pennsylvania.....To be supplied  
 Penn Yan.....Charles Love, supply, Penn Yan, New York

H. W. Fish, member of the Corning district quarterly conference; Levi Kelly, superannuated; J. D. Jenkins, conference missionary.

## UTICA DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder

Utica.....M. S. Babcock, 35 Linwood Place, Utica, New York  
 Rome.....W. H. Clark, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, " "  
 Camden.....T. C. Givens, Camden, Oneida county, " "  
 Herkimer and Ilion.....O. M. Owen, Park avenue, Herkimer, " "  
 Middle Sprite and Scotch Bush.....J. C. Hessler, St. Johnsville, " "

G. M. Dunham, supernumerary, Camden, R. F. D. 1, Oneida county, New York.

## BURLINGTON DISTRICT—S. GHENT, District Elder

Burlington and Waterville, Vermont.....  
 .....J. A. Tholens, 72 Elmwood avenue, Burlington, Vermont  
 St. Albans, Vermont.....To be supplied  
 St. Armand Centre and Hillside, Quebec. S. Ghent, St. Armand Centre, Quebec  
 Clarenceville, Quebec.....O. O. Burley, Clarenceville, "

## SARATOGA DISTRICT—O. S. BAKER, District Elder

Saratoga Springs, J. H. Gramps, 204 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York  
 Glens Falls.....O. S. Baker, 20 Ogden street, Glens Falls, " "  
 Gloversville and Johnstown .....  
 .....F. S. Shaw, 178 Kingboro avenue, Gloversville, " "  
 Corinth .....To be supplied  
 Bolton and Warrensburg, C. E. Christman, Bolton, Warren county, New York  
 Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill and Barnerville.....  
 .....N. B. Smith, supply, Charlotteville, Schoharie county, " "  
 Troy .....To be supplied  
 Perry Ball, supernumerary.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—E. H. WYETH, District Elder

Clinton, Massachusetts.....John Roberts, Clinton, Massachusetts  
 Marlboro, Massachusetts.....To be supplied

Worcester, Massachusetts .....  
 .....E. H. Wyeth, 210 Walnut street, Clinton, Massachusetts  
 Springfield and North Adams, Massachusetts.....  
 .....Carl S. Steucke, 86 Bliss street, Springfield, "  
 Westfield, Massachusetts .....  
 .....C. W. Wadworth, 45 Allendale street, Springfield,  
 Hampton, Connecticut .....To be supplied  
 Portland, North Buxton and Orr's Island, Maine.....To be supplied  
 Bridgeport, Connecticut.....Henry Smith, supply  
 C. M. Hartson, evangelist for New England, 62 Dewey street, Worcester,  
 Massachusetts.

### LOCAL PREACHERS

George Milem, Rose, Wayne county, C. F. Mercereau, Binghamton, New  
 New York York  
 Fred Van Dusen, North Rose, Wayne Godfrey H. Getsinger, Pleasant street,  
 county, New York Norwich, New York  
 Peter Van Dyke, Binghamton, New O. P. Ray.....Burlington, Vermont  
 York Charles Love, Penn Yan, New York  
 William Sullivan, 4 Emerson Place, C. W. Stevens, 14 North May street,  
 Binghamton, New York Chicago, Illinois  
 A. H. Kregge, Binghamton, New A. M. Craig.....Rome, New York  
 York

### EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Rose A. Baker, 20 Ogden street, Mrs. Emma Breeds, Fulton, New  
 Glens Falls, New York York  
 Mrs. L. B. Bishop, Burlington, Ver- Mrs. Josephine S. Roupe, 4 Emerson  
 mont Place, Binghamton, New York  
 Mrs. E. P. Shattuck, Waterville, Ver- Miss Florence H. Deyle, Cortland,  
 mont New York  
 Mrs. Janette Osmun, Ithaca, New Serena Bender....Alton, New York  
 York Mrs. Laura Santmier, Sayre, Penn-  
 Miss Beryl B. Bishop. sylvania  
 Miss Martha A. Roberts, 653 5th ave- Mrs. Mary Bentley, Broadalbin, New  
 nue, Upper Troy, New York York  
 Mrs. E. S. Clark, 317 W. Embargo Mrs. Emeretta Beeman, Union  
 street, Rome, New York Broome county, New York  
 Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley. Mrs. Isabella White, Elendale, New  
 York

### TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Apportioned and raised, \$268.00. This amount was paid out as follows: To the pastor at Penn Yan, \$50; to the pastor at Watertown, \$50; to the district elder on the Corning district, \$50; to the pastor at Watertown, \$25; to D. C. Stanton, \$40; to S. Ghent, \$10; to O. O. Burley, \$10; to the pastor at Oneida, \$10; to C. A. Balch, \$15; to the pastor at Charlotteville, \$8. Appropriations for the coming year were made as follows: To the district elder on the Corning district, \$50; to the pastor at Watertown, \$25; to the pastor at Charlotteville, \$20; to the pastor at Oneida, \$10; to O. M. Owen, \$25. Total appropriations, \$130.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned and paid, \$201.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned and paid, \$134.

BISHOPS' SALARIES.—Apportioned and paid, \$261.20.

CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$536.

PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$67.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Raised, \$6.01.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Raised, \$24.94.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—\$33.25.

Claims allowed for the coming year: Zenas Osborne, \$150; L. Kelly, \$150; O. N. Frink, \$150; L. S. King, \$150; F. W. Cathey, \$150; F. I. Labrum, \$130; W. Crossman, \$100; Mary L. Clark, \$80; Ellen L. Webster, \$70; Annette P. Dempsey, \$75; Susan B. Stacy, \$70; Philena Curry, \$75; Phebe Newton, \$45. Total, \$1,395.

The conference petitioned the General Missionary Board for the following appropriations: To the elder on the New England district, \$40; to the evangelist on the New England district, \$75; to the pastor at Worcester, Massachusetts, \$40; to the pastor at Springfield, Massachusetts, \$40; to the pastor at Watertown, New York, \$50; to the pastor at Gouverneur, New York, \$30. Total, \$275.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON REFORMS.

We as a people have no desire to lower the standards of moral reform, but to press more earnestly the vital issue of holiness of heart and life.

We recognize in the liquor traffic one of our greatest enemies. Its results are indescribable; making one who should be a father, a fiend; wives worse than widows, and children worse than orphans. It is not only an individual menace, but a national peril, destroying many of the brightest men and boys, and cannot exist without this destruction. Therefore we pledge ourselves resolutely to oppose this gigantic evil in the home, the social circle, and at the *ballot box*.

We also consider the tobacco evil an ally of the liquor traffic, and would stand firm in all our former strictness against it.

We still hold secret societies, from Free Masonry down to secret trades' unions, to be gigantic foes to the Christian religion; and would repeat the words of the late Joseph Cook in closing a lecture on this subject: "To those who are out, in the name of patriotism stay out; stay out in the name of personal independence; stay out in the name of Christianity." To those who are in he said, "Come out as patriots; come out as Christians; come out and be free men."

Another question not to be neglected is that of personal adornment. As a rule our people do conform to the Bible standard of simplicity in dress, yet there seem to be two extremes to guard against; one of leaning toward the fashions and customs of the day, and the other of being careless and slovenly in personal appearance. Our example should be that of cleanliness and neatness; following the divine injunction, "adorn ourselves as those professing godliness."

Irreverence and disregard of the Sabbath is alarmingly on the increase, and we would set our faces like a flint against the godless treatment of the day by the masses. We would place ourselves on record as opposed to Sunday excursions, newspaper reading, receiving or sending mail, and visiting on the Sabbath day.

Another alarm should be sounded against evil speaking, which in many cases does great harm to the reputation of the individual spoken against, and great injury to the cause of God. Be it resolved that we will stand firm on all lines of moral reform whether men will hear or forbear.

### II.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the past year has been very successful, and the outlook is encouraging for advance during the year to come. There has been raised through this instrumental

ity during the past year, \$1,817.63, an increase of nearly \$300 over the year preceding.

The business meeting of the society held on Saturday afternoon was well attended, and enthusiastic. At this meeting plans of work for the coming year were discussed and outlined and the annual election of officers held, which resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. Mary C. Owen, Park avenue, Herkimer, New York; first vice-president, Mrs. Rose C. Baker, 20 Ogden street, Glens Falls, New York; second vice-president, Mrs. E. S. Clark, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, New York; third vice-president, Mrs. Helen Sitzler, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alma Babcock, 35 Linwood Place, Utica, New York; recording secretary, Mrs. Carlotta Labrum, 70 Madison street, Cortland, New York; treasurer, Mrs. Charlotte T. Bolles, Kenwood, Oneida county, New York; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Susie Osborne, 206 Furman street, Syracuse, New York.

On Sabbath afternoon an interesting public meeting was held, preceded by a brief service in memory of Mrs. Asenath Sullivan, of Binghamton, New York, a member and officer of the local and district missionary societies. The speakers at the missionary meeting were Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor, *en route* on their return to the field in India. The addresses were both interesting and appealing, and at the close over \$300 was raised, mostly for the work represented.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

SYRACUSE, CLYDE, BINGHAMTON AND CORNING DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Mission	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SYRACUSE DISTRICT																	
Syracuse and Pompey	J. S. Bradbrook, District Elder																
East Syracuse	H. L. Crockett	64	16	80	2	1	1	11	8	26.40	11.88	\$ 13.20	\$ 9.90	\$ 6.60	.....	\$ 50.00	\$ 81.45
Clittenango Station	G. E. Cole	15	20	35	1	1	1	5	4	18.30	7.92	4.20	3.15	2.25	.....	9.62	44.26
Fulton	C. E. Christian	42	19	61	1	1	1	7	60	5	15.60	7.80	5.85	3.90	.....	.....	61.66
Waterport and Port Byron	G. S. Coons	53	4	57	1	1	1	10	40	16.65	8.10	2.00	6.75	3.80	.....	.....	4.00
Governor, Emeryville, Talleville	H. E. Barnes	35	3	38	1	2	2	6	35	4	12.80	5.76	4.80	3.80	.....	.....	.....
Carthage	O. A. Fox	26	25	51	1	2	2	10	60	4	10.40	4.68	3.90	2.60	.....	.....	.....
Oneida	L. E. Rowley, supply	9	14	23	1	2	1	6	25	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	C. E. Robbins, supply	7	2	9	.....	.....	.....	4	15	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		5	7	12	.....	.....	.....	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CLYDE DISTRICT																	
Rose and Clyde	J. S. Bradbrook, District Elder																
Alton	C. J. Hessler	48	9	57	2	1	1	5	23	14	9.72	10.80	8.10	5.40	.....	.....	49.00
East Williamson	O. F. Ferro	55	4	59	2	1	1	13	60	12	22.40	10.20	8.40	5.60	.....	.....	23.78
West Webster	J. D. Watkins	49	6	55	1	1	1	9	40	6	11.05	7.20	5.85	3.90	.....	.....	38.83
Ontario	C. C. Watson	29	6	35	1	1	1	8	30	5	7.02	4.14	4.60	2.30	.....	.....	38.18
Fairport	E. O. Webster, supply	22	3	25	1	1	1	5	65	4	3.60	4.00	3.00	2.00	.....	2.45	.....
		4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT																	
Binghamton and Union	H. W. Fish, District Elder																
Knappa	W. E. Sitzler	63	11	74	5	2	1	11	60	11	11.52	12.80	9.60	6.40	.....	.....	73.21
Northampton	W. E. Whinn	35	9	44	1	1	1	7	35	8	6.80	7.60	5.70	2.80	.....	.....	23.00
Co-third and Summer Hill	C. H. Gathery	76	8	84	1	1	1	17	83	4	16.94	16.60	12.45	8.30	.....	10.00	40.00
Pleasant Valley	M. H. Kendrick	10	10	20	.....	.....	.....	4	40	2	1.80	2.00	1.60	1.00	.....	.....	87.10
North Pharsalia		4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	3	2	2.00	1.90	1.00	1.42	.....	.....	.....	2.60
CORNING DISTRICT																	
Corning	H. W. Fish, District Elder																
Fanter Run	W. J. Ritter	56	4	60	1	1	1	10	60	.....	7.38	8.20	6.15	4.10	.....	.....	112.32
Atlanta, Eversville and Burns	C. A. Balch	29	6	35	1	2	2	10	60	7	5.76	6.40	4.80	3.20	.....	7.37	11.50
Enoch and Curds	F. J. Hessler	23	3	26	.....	.....	.....	10	80	.....	3.96	4.40	3.30	2.20	.....	.....	3.00
Eden and Pettigrove	G. E. Lister	29	7	36	.....	.....	.....	13	20	.....	5.94	6.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Payre, Penn.	H. D. Brink	27	1	28	3	3	3	15	175	4	4.50	5.00	3.75	2.60	.....	1.00	.....
Sen Yan	C. M. Love, supply	8	3	11	.....	.....	.....	8	100	.....	1.20	5.60	.....	46	.....	.....	.....
		15	4	19	.....	.....	.....	7	20	4	1.98	2.20	1.65	1.10	.....	.....	.....



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE  
UTICA, BURLINGTON, SARATOGA AND NEW ENGLAND DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members		Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society						
UTICA DISTRICT	D. C. Stanton, District Elder																							
	M. S. Rabcock.....	40	4	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	W. H. Clark.....	60	10	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	T. C. Givens.....	38	11	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	O. M. Owen.....	30	2	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	J. C. Hesser.....	33		33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	D. C. Stanton, District Elder																							
	J. A. Tholens.....	34	2	36	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2						
	Burlington, Essex and Waterville, Vt. ....	20	3	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	St. Albans, Ct. and Hillsdale, Quebec .....	17	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	O. O. Burley.....	4		4																				
	St. Albans, Vt. ....	4		4																				
SARATOGA DISTRICT	D. C. Stanton, District Elder																							
	J. H. Gramps.....	57	8	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	O. S. Baker.....	33	2	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	Glens Falls.....	31	13	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
	Gloversville and Johnstown.....	16		16																				
	Corinth.....	26	5	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT	E. H. Wyeth, District Elder																							
	John Roberts.....	9		9	1	3	15	2	3	20	1	44	1	60	1	80								
	C. M. Hartson.....	13	4	17	1	5	16	3	8	80	5	06	4	40	3	20								
	E. H. Wyeth.....	11	8	19	1	25																		
	Hampton and Howard Valley.....	10		10																				
	Prince Edward Island.....	14	4	18	2	1	12																	
Total.....	O. W. Wadsworth, Springfield, Mass. C. A. Steucke, North Adams, Mass.	1386	246	1634	27	18	47	279	1657	223	516	62	243	52	253	68	139	76	\$118	93	\$ 122	75	\$652	63

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- cels	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- cels	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
SYRACUSE DISTRICT							\$820 00					
Syracuse and Pompey.....			\$ 63 87	\$ 3 30	\$ 600 00		108 79		2	4500		
East Syracuse.....			11 65	1 05	345 00		40 00	\$ 15 62	1	1200	1	1000
Chittenango Station.....			29 10	1 95	500 00		64 00	10 00	1	2000	1	800
Fulton.....			31 51		551 10		68 13		1	1100	1	1300
Weedsport and Port Byron.....			12 00	1 60	445 61		58 65		2	800	1	1200
Watertown and California.....			17 00	1 30	524 86		50 00	111 72	2	4200	1	2000
Gouverneur, Emeryville, etc.....			2 75		30 40			7 50	1	200		
Carthage.....			8 13					91 08	1	1500		
Oneida.....					99 50							
CLYDE DISTRICT												
Rose and Clyde.....	50	50	13 55	2 70	578 19		96 80		2	2500	1	1200
Alton.....		2 04	41 72	2 80	486 32		100 25	4 00	1	3000	1	900
East Williamson.....		2 69	13 88		382 97		85 69		1	2500	1	1500
West Webster.....		2 26	21 50	1 15	475 00		44 38	57 23	1	1000	1	800
Ontario.....	2 50		26 54	1 00	370 40		36 60	1 41	1	1000	1	600
Fairport.....												
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT							649 16					
Binghamton and Union.....			73 90	3 20	625 23		104 76	44 76	2	4800	1	3500
Ithaca.....			5 61	1 05	423 97		16 90		1	2000	1	3400
Norwich.....			27 84	1 90	511 70		70 08		1	1500	1	1600
Cortland and Summer Hill.....		5 00	66 15	4 15	963 00		143 69	56 93	2	3400	1	1200
Pleasant Valley.....		1 00	11 00	50	144 33		15 00		1	400		
North Pharsalia.....									1	1000		
CORNING DISTRICT												
Corning.....	1 80		35 12	2 05	595 00		69 87	71 00	1	2500	1	3000
Painter Run.....			11 93	1 45	323 07		47 09	32 76	2	1100	1	800
Atlanta, Eversville and Burns.....				1 10	268 85		41 48	13 30	2	2000	1	1000
Lindley and Curtis.....							21 12		2	2000	1	800
E. Oatton, W. Oatton, Pettigrove.....			44 00	1 65	290 20		33 00	28 00	2	1700	1	1000
East and West Italy.....			3 61	1 25	391 24		27 00	42 36	2	1800		
Sayre, Penn.....												
Pen Yan.....			3 39		137 35		30 39	27 91	1	1200		
UTICA DISTRICT							664 40					
Utica.....	1 01	1 00	13 54	1 70	608 40		42 55	43 32	1	15000	1	3000
Rome.....	1 00	1 28	32 81	3 15	710 03		82 71		1	4000	1	4000
Camden.....		1 50	35 78	1 75	550 00		50 75	12 50	1	3000	1	2200
Herkimer and Ilion.....			15 00	1 00	493 57		26 62	34 00	2	7000	1	3300
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite.....			3 00		333 40		36 68		2	1000	2	1500
BURLINGTON DISTRICT												
Burlington, Essex, etc.....			30 78	1 45	608 36		52 71				2	3000
St. Armand Ct. Hillside, etc.....	2 14		8 67	95	358 00		27 86				1	600
Clarenceville, Quebec.....		72	9 00	1 00	281 08		44 00	70 00	1	800	1	1100
St. Albans, Vt.....			1 21	20				1 00				
SARATOGA DISTRICT												
Saratoga.....	1 00	1 26	70 34	2 75	625 00		80 80	60 00	1	7300	1	4000
Glens Falls.....					550 00		41 65		1	1600	1	1500
Gloversville and Johnstown.....				1 80	499 36		52 20	26 00	1	2800		
Corinth.....				85	244 88		26 72		1	1500		
Bolton, Warrensburg, etc.....			18 96	1 50	505 00		43 50	5 00	1	1000	1	1000
Charlotteville, Jefferson, etc.....				1 60	291 25		37 30	8 92	4	2700	1	1500
Troy.....												
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT							103 48					
Clinton, Massachusetts.....				40	135 00		10 00					
Marlboro, ".....												
Worcester, ".....			26 16		50 00		7 50	7 75				
Hampton and Howard Valley.....			12 00		69 00		15 00					
Prince Edward Island.....												
Portland and W. Buxton Me.....												
Springfield, Massachusetts.....			4 48				8 62					
North Adams, ".....												
Total.....	\$ 6 01	\$24 94	\$ 862 48	\$55 30	17176 16		2237 01	\$ 883 07 54		\$ 9800 33	\$54380	

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1908

## OFFICERS

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*On Public Worship*—John LaDue, J. W. Sharpe, R. J. Mitchell.

*On Sabbath-schools*—J. H. Flower, F. Blakeley, R. C. Nowlin.

*On Reforms*—J. W. Sharpe, George Haram, J. G. Yeck.

*On Publications*—E. G. Burritt, C. J. Turnbow, W. T. Branson.

*On Education*—A. L. Whitcomb, F. E. Bennett, M. E. Lude, Samuel White.

*On State of the Work*—W. D. Cochran, J. W. Sharpe, W. H. Lawson.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—Alice Goodwin.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—W. C. Kelley, C. J. Turnbow,  
B. C. Johnson.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Ministerial Relations*—B. F. Ray, C. J. Turnbow, C. H. Tiffin, S. D. Bar-  
ritt, G. W. Hood.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—John LaDue, W. D. Cochran, W. H.  
Lawson, W. T. Branson, Samuel White.

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B. C. Johnson, for five years; C. A. Stoll, for four years; W. T. Graham, for  
three years, president; J. H. Flower, for two years; F. H. Ashcraft, for  
one year.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Bishops'  
Salaries, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants, Perma-  
nent Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Educational Fund.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Sabbath-schools*—J. N. Van Nat-  
tan,  
*On Education*—C. A. Stoll,

*On Publications*—M. E. Lude,

*On Reforms*—S. K. Wheatlake,

## ADDRESSES

M. E. Lude, treasurer, Hillsboro, Illinois.

F. E. Bennett, Sunday-school secretary, Colchester, Illinois.

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

G. W. Hood,	S. E. Cooper,	E. R. Banning,
D. W. Sala,	X. Atchison,	E. G. Burritt,
I. W. Maxey,	H. S. Stewart,	J. C. Sills,
D. R. Taylor,	J. Adams,	W. D. Cochran,
C. A. Stoll,	J. L. McGiffin,	R. Trever,
B. F. Ray,	J. N. VanNattan,	W. T. Graham,
C. J. Turnbow,	B. F. Grigg,	A. C. Damon,
W. C. Kelley,	J. H. Flower,	F. H. Ashcraft,
B. C. Johnson,	S. D. Barritt,	W. H. Lawson,
S. C. Wheatlake,	C. P. Ewing,	J. LaDue,
J. F. Deremiah,	A. L. Whitcomb,	M. H. Shephard,
R. W. Sanderson,	F. L. Hall,	B. N. Everett,
M. E. Lude,	J. G. Yeck,	J. A. Williams,
Fred E. Bennett,	R. C. Nowlin,	A. J. Smith,
D. Kimbro,	J. W. Sharpe,	J. D. Reynolds.

### DELEGATES

George Haram,	George Lockart,	W. C. Sellers,
C. H. Tiffin,	F. Blakeley,	Elizah Halford,
J. A. Adams,	James Sevier,	Alice Goodwin,
Harriet Helm,	D. A. Sherman,	J. N. Knoles,
S. N. House,	P. M. Royer,	E. H. Robertson,
Samuel White,	William Gore,	Allen Parker,
Mary Lawson,	Ed. Barritt,	J. D. Kelley,
Isaac Jones,	Thomas Glover,	Belle St. John,
T. Bailey,	W. T. Branson,	Isaac Lear,
Charles Dixon,	William Shuler,	H. Parks,
Thomas Galbert.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? John LaDue, W. D. Cochran, W. H. Lawson, J. W. Sharpe, Isaac Jones, George Haram, Samuel White.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Homer Tanner, Carl Howland, Edward Boyd, T. H. Eaton, Walter Klotzbach, R. C. McDaniels.

4. Who remain on trial? R. J. Mitchell.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. G. Yeck, R. C. Nowlin, B. N. Everett, J. A. Williams.

6. Who are the deacons? C. A. Stoll, S. E. Cooper, B. N. Everett, J. G. Yeck, J. A. Williams, R. C. Nowlin.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. E. Bennett.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. C. Sills, J. L. McGiffin.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? G. W. Hood, J. Adams, D. W. Sala, R. Trever, M. H. Shephard.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. L. Hall, from the Ohio conference; J. D. Reynolds, from the North Indiana conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? B. C. Dewey.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed with one exception, which case was referred to a trial committee.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. Adams, \$130; R. Trever, \$130; G. W. Hood, \$140; M. H. Shepard, \$140; D. W. Sala, \$150; Minnie Ashcraft, \$50.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Colchester, Illinois, as near the middle of September, 1909, as will suit the plans of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District elder, Greenville, Illinois

Greenville.....	F. L. Hall, Greenville, Illinois
Zion, Union Grove and Sorento.....	J. A. Williams, Greenville, "
Coffeen.....	Homer Tanner, Coffeen, "
Keyesport, Dudleyville and Smithboro.....	Thomas Bailey, supply, Greenville, "
Belleville and Dutch Hollow.....	B. C. Johnson, Minnie Johnson, supply, Greenville, "
Litchfield.....	W. T. Klotzbach, Litchfield, "
Hettick.....	T. H. Eaton, Hettick, "
Bingham and Halford Chapel.....	X. Atchison, Bingham, "
St. Louis.....	B. F. Grigg, 3401 Morgan street, St. Louis, Missouri
Hillsboro and Irving.....	M. E. Lude, Hillsboro, Illinois
East Prairie and Anniston.....	S. A. Bennett, supply, East Prairie, Missouri
West Point and Round Hill.....	F. L. Dothager, supply, Mulberry Grove, Illinois

F. H. Ashcraft, D. Kimbro, D. R. Taylor, A. C. Damon, A. L. Whitecomb, J. W. Sharpe, evangelists; S. K. Wheatlake, J. H. Flower, general conference evangelists; J. Adams, G. W. Hood, superannuated; J. C. Sills, J. L. McGiffen, supernumerary; S. E. Cooper, missionary to Japan; E. G. Burritt, president of Greenville College; C. A. Stoll, J. LaDue, professors in Greenville College; H. S. Stewart, Carl Howland, R. C. McDaniels, left without appointments to attend Greenville College.

COWDEN DISTRICT—B. F. RAY, District Elder, Hillsboro, Illinois

Cowden .....	R. W. Sanderson, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville, Sylvan and Bethany.....	E. P. Boyd, Shelbyville, "
Laclede, St. James and St. Elmo.....	J. F. Deremiah, Laclede, "
Tower Hill, Lakewood and Cold Spring.....	W. C. Kelley, Etta Kelley, supply, Tower Hill, "



Bethany and Lovington.....J. D. Reynolds, Lovington, Illinois  
 Pana, Roberts' Chapel and Ohlman.....C. J. Turnbow, Pana, "  
 Mt. Vernon.....P. A. Rudolph, supply, Mt. Vernon, "  
 Home.....O. W. Sandy, supply, Home, "  
 Taylorville, Frailey's Chapel and Owoneco, Cyrus Johnson, Taylorville, "  
 Vandalia.....A. J. Smith, Greenville, "  
 Stewardson.....Mayme McCaslin, supply, Stewardson, "  
 Decatur .....B. N. Everett, Decatur, "

B. C. Dewey, given certificate of good standing; D. W. Sala, R. Trever, superannuated; I. W. Maxey, left without appointment.

#### IPAFA DISTRICT—W. H. LAWSON, District Elder, Ipava, Illinois

Ipava .....Roy Mitchell, Ipava, Illinois  
 Vermont, Ray and Bethany.....W. J. Henninger, supply, Vermont, "  
 Lewiston.....R. C. Nowlin, Lewistown, "  
 Macomb and Colchester.....F. E. Bennett, Colchester, "  
 Bluff, Naples and Valley City..M. C. Roll, Lulu Roll, supplies, Bluffs, "  
 Durham and Lomax.....W. Bruce, Lomax, "  
 Antioch, Rushville and Corinth.....J. G. Yeck, Rushville, "  
 Webster, Pleasant Grove and Zion.....E. R. Banning, Webster, "

W. T. Graham, J. N. VanNattan, evangelists.

#### MASON CITY DISTRICT—W. H. LAWSON, District Elder

Mason City, Clinton and Hopedale.....  
 .....C. P. Ewing, Lulu Ewing, supply, Mason City, Illinois  
 Athens and Forest City.....Bertha Green, supply, Athens, "  
 S. D. Barritt, evangelist.

### LOCAL PREACHERS

E. T. Ellis.....Bingham, Illinois	Samuel Bennett, East Prairie, Mis-
W. P. Cook.....Greenville, "	souri
Washington Smith ...Irving, "	B. F. Gill.....Macomb, Illinois
P. A. Rudolph...Mt. Vernon, "	Marion Roll .....Bluffs, "
H. S. Land.....St. Louis, Missouri	Allen Parker .....Bluffs, "
John Bees.....Belleville, Illinois	Jacob Hodder .....Bluffs, "
John Mewhew ...Bingham, "	E. F. Burritt....Colchester, "
T. A. Bailey.....Greenville, "	William Frost ....Sorento, "
John Livesey .....Girard, "	W. C. Culbertson..St. Louis, Missouri
W. T. Klotzbach..Litchfield, "	C. A. Penwell.....Vandalia, Illinois
Charles Starkey ..Belleville, "	Otis Pope .....Vandalia, "
Guy Kyle .....Keyesport, "	Marion Shupe ...St. James, "
C. L. Munns.....Greenville, "	W. Irwin .....Springfield, "
Thomas Glover ...Belleville, "	S. F. Fowler.....Cowden, "
W. J. Henninger...Vermont, "	T. A. Smith.....Hopedale, "
Paul Nelson ....Greenville, "	J. M. McCarty.....Decatur, "
Harry Sweigard ...Macomb, "	

### EVANGELISTS

Amanda Roland, St. Louis, Missouri	Minnie Johnson...Belleville, Illinois
George Russell...St. Louis, "	Lulu Roll .....Bluffs, "
Minnie Ludwig, Cape Girardeau, Missouri	Alice Goodwin .....Athens, "
Mamie Gardner .....Hettick, Illinois	Blanche Pollock ....Clinton, "
Ella Pratt .....Hettick, "	Viola Pollock .....Clinton, "
Alma Kruse .....Greenville, "	Mallissa Athey ...Springfield, "
	Bersha Green .....Athens, "

### EVANGELISTS—Continued

Lily E. Hood.....	Greenville, Illinois	Mattie McDaniel, Terre Haute, In-
Lily Taylor .....	Litchfield, " diana	
Dita Young .....	Coffeen, " Etta Kelley.....	Tower Hill, Illinois
S. D. Young.....	Sorento, " Amanda Hart ....	Lakewood, "
Marguerite Barnes, Greenville, Illi-		Mattie Brookman, Mt. Vernon, Illi-
nois		nois
Mayne McCaslin, Stewardson, Illi-		J. E. Read.....
nois		Tower Hill, Illinois
Grace O. Damon, Meadow, South		Victoria Read...Tower Hill, "
Dakota		Mary Haddock ....
J. A. Faris, East Prairie, Missouri		Decatur, "
		Lulu Ewing ....
		Mason City, "

### TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$724.80.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$326.16.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$271.80.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$181.20.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$181.20.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$90.60.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$13.25.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$4.25.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$5.51.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$515.67.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### I.—ON EDUCATION.

The mind of man seeks for fame, pleasure, knowledge and power; but if the heart is bad the processes of the mind cannot be relied on to work out the highest welfare of man in body, soul and spirit. True education, Christian education, trains the heart as well as the mind. There is a thirst to-day for fame. "Worldly fame," says Daniel Webster, "is a pale, withered hag, whose lips every foul man in ages past has sported with, and she is not worth the embracing." How many seek for this fame which is like a "flower on a dead man's heart," and Byron-like, wreck the soul.

There is a way to shine forever; a fame that is enduring; and it is found at the feet of the Son of God. Much of the learning of to-day is not with the highest motive. The desire for pleasure, which is swaying the masses, turns the feet of those seeking for an education in wrong directions. A life of pleasure to-day means a life of continual money getting, for there can be no worldly pleasures without it. This fact puts a wrong standard before the student. It is a fearful responsibility resting on the educated man. The majority would prepare themselves for the lucrative professions; whereas the question should be, "How shall I best serve the interests of my soul, or the church, and the welfare of the nation?" This is the path even though it is rough, though it is thorny; and if it is pleasure one wants, this is pleasure that is blessed, for there can be no lasting pleasure without sacrifice.

A desire for knowledge is right; but if there is no desire for holiness and God's glory, in the end it must profit little. Knowledge! It is a wonderful thing to know the language of different kingdoms. The educated man may talk with the rocks and give the roll-call of all the diamonds and metals; but what value is this to him if he must in eternity be shut out from the city where the streets are of gold and the gates of pearl? He may give the roll-call in the plant-world and straightway the protophytes, hallogens, acrogenous, endogenous and exogenous classes all come trooping up to his feet and he talks with them. He talks with all the grasses and trees and flowers.

But what value is this to him if he never carries a palm of victory in this world and can never sit under the tree of life, or walk amid flowers unfading in the world to come? What if he does know the names of the stars and laws of the heavens, if he is never to live a blood-washed spirit in one of those worlds?

What if he does know where he came from? He came out of the ocean sea-ooze through Brachiopoda, Ordovician, Trilobite, Cephalopoda, and Vertebrata stages. Then blowing the water out of his lungs in an amphibian way he became a mud puppy. Putting away the things of the mud puppy he became a tailless ape and then a man. Listen! what does all this amount to if in his wanderings he has never staggered into the open arms of Jesus and received the kiss-print of adoption on his brow?

We must have education. It is a necessity to highest success, but though you could construct the synthetic philosophy of Herbert Spencer, yet if the heart is not clean you are not as happy as a sanctified boot-black. In youth Darwin loved music, art, poetry; but in old age he declared that his mind had become a great machine to grind out facts and he did not appreciate the things that charmed his youth. You see he had studied bugs and jack-beetles so long that he had lost all esthetic taste. The mind without the heart is dead. Wisdom without godliness is not worth the buying. You must fashion the heart as well as head.

Again, ambitions for worldly power control so many minds. Forgetting the conquering of Alexander by the world he thought he had conquered, the defeat of the Iron man of the eighteenth century; forgetting the sudden consternation in Belshazzar's festive hall they rush into the world for worldly power and fail. Jesus had this same vision of power in the mount of temptation, but He set it aside and there followed the vision every young person seeking power should get, when as He says, "I beheld Satan cast as lightning from heaven." There is no greater power than Omnipotence to cast the devil from the thrones of heaven, world and heart.

Here then is the mission of the church. To give to our sons and daughters fame that is enduring, pleasure that is bliss, knowledge that is infallible and power that is a part of Omnipotence.

We can do this only by gathering our young people, who are seeking an education, at the feet of Jesus. This is the exact aim of all our schools. We have scores of teachers who have taken along with their post-graduate work a course at the feet of Jesus. The hope of our church in the next twenty-five years depends on their staying at His feet and in our being willing to learn of them. God bless them every one.

They are going through financial sacrifice and bearing Christian reproach in order to turn the feet of their children into the granite paths that lead straight over the celestial hills. Our schools are doing a noble work. Among the perils that are on the church Brother Hogue mentions the lack of high standard in ministerial talent—as to breadth, virility, spirituality and administrative wisdom; the inattention to the new problems of the twentieth century in things social and industrial; and the want of leadership in organizing the consecrated talent at our command.

Our schools are doing more than any other factor in the church to broaden and strengthen the intelligent grasp of our young people on the spiritual meaning of our issues. It is awakening them, and thereby us who are in the field, to the demands for a broad as well as a deep-hearted Christianity. It is organizing hundreds of our youth into a fighting unit for the Free Methodist church. The next twenty-five years is to be a testing time for the Free Methodist church, and our schools in home and foreign lands are to be the hubs and wheels on our denominational chariot.

*A few reasons for supporting in every way possible our schools, and in this locality, Greenville College.* It produces the character of which we have been speaking. It makes the chance for their salvation, the supreme object in life, the greatest possible. How many of our young people have lost their souls by not putting God first! Because the college has surmounted

the unsurmountable and has proved herself worthy. Because the students are gaining recognition in other schools and making their way to paying positions with the glory of God in view. Because we need all of our young people—the fresh blood—consecrated and in the ranks of the church. We must have them and we will have them.

May God grant that our young people may be trained and brought to the feet of Jesus and to mother Free Methodism, that they may hold us up as pillars in the church and find their way to shores of eternity with the brilliancy of resurrection light in their eyes and the glow of eternal youth upon their cheeks.

## II.—ON REFORMS.

We believe that God has called us to spread scriptural holiness over this world of sin, and if we discharge our duty as a church, we are under obligations to take a bold stand on all questions of reform. We thank God for the fathers that stood with courage against slavery, and were triumphant in its overthrow. We believe we shall see the glorious banner of King Immanuel waving over the ramparts of the enemy of souls along all lines of reform.

1. We believe one of the greatest hindrances of the church of Jesus Christ to-day is the desecration of the Sabbath. There is a growing tendency everywhere toward the violation and the secularization of the Sabbath. We deplore the running of Sunday trains, the Sunday newspaper, the open saloon, creameries, meat shops, barber shops, and all such business. The holding of Sunday picnics, base ball and games of all kinds and promise before God to use all our powers to overcome all these evils which are undermining one of the main pillars of the Christian church.

2. We believe that secretism is another form of evil that has intrenched itself in the hearts of the people, and is a great factor in creating selfishness in the church and out of it. We believe that secretism is antagonistic to the principles of the Christian religion. Joseph Cook said that it can be shown that secret oaths, (1) have led to crime, (2) are natural sources of jealousy and just alarm to society at large, (3) are especially unfavorable to harmony and mutual confidence among men living together under popular institutions, (4) are dangerous to the general cause of civil liberty and just government, (5) are condemned by severe denunciations by many of our wisest statesmen, preachers and reformers, (6) are forbidden in some portions of our republic by civil law and ought to be in all portions, (7) are forbidden to church members by some churches and ought to be by all.

When the word of God is so plain upon such a subject, why is the church so slow in taking her position against such an evil? God led Ezekiel to see the abominations of the secret order when He said, "Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery?"

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians warns the church to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them; for it is a shame to speak of those things done of them in secret." We earnestly urge that every legitimate means be used to bring the evil of secrecy before the mind of the people.

3. Another question not to be neglected this time is the question of personal adornment. While we are pleased to note the disposition of our people as a whole to conform to the Bible standard of simplicity, yet we deem it advisable to exhort our people, and especially our young people, to "be not conformed to the world" but "set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth." Knowing the origin of the latest styles and fashions we urge such close communion with God that these things will have no temptation for you.

4. We are equally opposed to formality and fanaticism, to political competition and ecclesiastical wire-pulling, to unchristian trusts and corporations, to all haters of that which is good. We oppose without hesitation



or apology the use or handling of, in any way, narcotics and impure literature, both of which poison mind and heart and aid in filling our asylums and poorhouses.

5. Again we are opposed to the "personal liberty" planks in the platform of both the old parties of our fair state. We unhesitatingly state that it is our honest convictions that those planks demand that every Christian and conscientious voter in the state of Illinois shall vote against those men and principles which support those platforms. We believe in the enactment of such laws as will everlastingly abolish and eternally prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of any spirituous liquors, except where recommended as absolutely necessary by a physician.

Finally all true reformation begins within the heart. We believe there are heights and depths of light and life and love and power yet to be attained if we will observe the rules given in our book of Discipline. Let us watch and pray. Amen.

### III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We have it, upon the authority of inspiration, that as a man thinketh so is he. Any agency, therefore, that awakens, stimulates or directs thought, molds character and makes men.

In this age, the press, with its multiplied facilities for printing and circulation, is probably the greatest force in the molding of mind and heart. The printing press demands a strategic position for great good or evil on the highway of the world's progress. To capture and utilize to its utmost this position for God and His church, should awaken our keenest interest and command our heartiest effort.

We believe too much care cannot be exercised in excluding from our homes all forms of pernicious literature, whether it be the cheap novel, the Sabbath breaking Sunday newspaper or the trashy religious books and papers, which, under a fair exterior, too often contain insidious and hurtful doctrines, all of which create a distaste for wholesome truth and eventually destroy. There are to be found helpful books and papers suited to the needs and good taste of all ages. We urge upon our people to provide these for their children as the surest way to an interest in the things of profit, present and eternal.

Our conception of loyalty to the Free Methodist church includes a devotion to all our institutions. Her publishing interests have been greatly blessed in the dissemination of the pure gospel. We recommend that we subscribe to our Sunday-school literature and patronize the denominational book supply department. We deplore the reports made on this conference floor that on most circuits the number of copies of the *Free Methodist* taken is less than one-tenth of the membership. How can we expect the church to build up and prosper when not one in ten of the members are intelligently acquainted with the doctrines, the denominational news and proceedings, as discussed and reported in our church paper? We hereby recommend the *Free Methodist*, its editorial policy and business management; and declare it to be our purpose, during the coming year, to place a copy of the denominational organ in every Free Methodist home. Without condemning other denominational or undenominational religious and holiness periodicals, to introduce these into our societies in competition with our paper, we denounce as short-sighted and divisive. We feel to discourage also the circulation of small Free Methodist conference or other papers when these are made a substitute for our denominational weekly.

Without specifying other excellent books and papers emanating from our own and other publishing houses, advocating various movements and reforms, we feel it is time to concentrate our energies to the circulation of the *Free Methodist*. God's people should be an intelligent people. Let us strive, more and more to understand our place as a people and our mission in the world to-day.



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

GREENVILLE, IPAVA, MASON CITY AND COWDEN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Tree Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GREENVILLE DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder	100	14	113	2	1	3	32	200	225	\$ 37.60	\$ 16.92	\$ 9.40	\$ 14.10	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.40	\$ 19.37	\$ 2.00
	J. A. Williams...	68	6	74	2	1	3	12	60	6	32.00	12.40	9.40	13.00	9.40	9.40	2.00	\$ 60.00
	J. N. VanNatta...	64	2	66	1	1	3	12	50	6	32.00	12.40	9.40	13.00	9.40	9.40	2.00	\$ 60.00
	B. C. Johnson...	64	2	66	1	1	3	12	50	6	32.00	12.40	9.40	13.00	9.40	9.40	2.00	\$ 60.00
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	B. C. Johnson...	64	2	66	1	1	3	12	50	6	32.00	12.40	9.40	13.00	9.40	9.40	2.00	\$ 60.00
IPAVA DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder	100	14	113	2	1	3	32	200	225	\$ 37.60	\$ 16.92	\$ 9.40	\$ 14.10	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.40	\$ 19.37	\$ 2.00
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MASON CITY DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder	100	14	113	2	1	3	32	200	225	\$ 37.60	\$ 16.92	\$ 9.40	\$ 14.10	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.40	\$ 19.37	\$ 2.00
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COWDEN DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder	100	14	113	2	1	3	32	200	225	\$ 37.60	\$ 16.92	\$ 9.40	\$ 14.10	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.40	\$ 19.37	\$ 2.00
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Total.		1734	177	1911	31	22	55	408	2899	313	\$ 535.86	\$ 304.48	\$ 169.47	\$ 255.24	\$ 153.83	\$ 90	\$ 108.11	\$ 188.61

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
GREENVILLE DISTRICT												
Zion, Union Grove and Sorento .....			\$ 88 35	\$ 4 70	\$ 469 16	\$ 50	\$ 64 53	\$ 3 48	3	\$ 4000	1	\$ 700
Litchfield .....		\$ 1 50	57 15	4 00	468 07	84	61 50	50 00	1	1400	1	700
Belleville and Dutcha Hollow .....	\$ 2 30		44 26	3 40	453 10		62 11	21 00	2	4000		
Hillsboro and Irving .....		2 00	56 00	3 80	425 50	108	59 10		2	2000	1	1000
Bingham and Halford Chapel .....	2 90		19 20	3 10	380 00	88	63 59	51 00	1	4000	1	500
St. Louis .....				3 00	575 09	45	64 00	3 56	1	8000		
East Prairie .....			11 34		10 50	14	39 00	9 75				
Greenville .....		7 16	150 13	1 30	434 25	65	152 92	76 39	1	4000	1	1500
Dudleville and Smithboro .....			7 63	1 50	151 81	96	38 95	39 09	2	1300	1	400
Coffeen .....			60 00	3 55	404 46	96	57 74	25 00	1	1000	1	500
Hettick .....		1 25	10 60	80	172 54	50	40 00	12 00	1	1000	1	800
West Point and Round Hill .....												
Keyesport and Boulder .....			16 00		180 00		42 35	12 00	1	800		
IPAUA DISTRICT												
Ipava .....			16 72	1 00	300 00		52 00	19 38	1	2400	1	1200
Colchester and Macomb .....	2 00	1 50	50 29	3 50	590 00	60	96 00	40 00	2	5000	1	600
Rushville and Antioch .....			29 63	3 40	432 38		83 65	70 00	4	2800	1	400
Vermont and Ray .....			31 85	2 10	251 00	72	57 45	12 40	2	2500	1	500
Lewistown .....			65 94	2 55	367 03	72	66 50	4 00	3	2400	1	1000
Durham and Lomax .....		2 00	15 78	1 00	243 26		47 60	15 11				
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City .....				1 75	241 04		40 00	5 50	3	2500	1	1200
MASON CITY DISTRICT												
Mason City .....			17 80	1 00	200 00	60	32 00		2	2000	1	1200
Clinton and Hopedale .....			17 23		269 38	46	32 00	36 81	3	2000	1	300
Athens and Kilbourne .....	2 00		20 56	80	160 61	66	36 26	28 25	2	1100	1	300
COWDEN DISTRICT												
Cowden .....	3 00		72 78	5 45	462 15	60	92 25		1	900	1	600
Decatur .....			43 04	95	410 05	30	41 03	2 60	1	3000		
Mt. Vernon .....	25		17 06	1 10	130 37		25 93		1	2000		
Vandalia .....			34 60		300 00		40 00	35 00	1	1000		
Tower Hill and Lakewood .....			50 00	2 90	384 08	80	54 18	55 66	3	2800	1	1000
Pana, Ohlman, Roberts' Chapel .....			53 80	3 35	432 85	24	62 44		3	2500	2	2000
Shelbyville and Sylvan .....			39 34		228 67		33 00		3			
Stewardson .....	24		20 47	65	260 00		33 91	37 39	1	1200		
LaCleda .....			43 78	4 60	459 06	50	82 85	95 65	2	1300	1	800
Taylorville .....			11 00		269 90	72	42 94	17 29	3	3000	1	500
Home .....			4 00	25	8 60		20 67		1	700		
Bethany and Lovington .....		62	24 80	1 55	326 47		46 20	7 00	2	2000		
Total .....	\$12 69	\$16 03	\$1210 63	\$78 75	11881 24	1328	1862 15	\$ 843 31	61	\$ 75000	23	\$17700

# WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
HUMBIRD, WISCONSIN, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1908

## OFFICERS

B. D. FAY, *President*

J. WALTER JONES, *Secretary*

C. SIGGLEKOW, *Assistant Secretary*

E. N. HAWLEY, *Statistical Secretary*

E. J. ROBERTS, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—B. D. Fay, H. W. Hills, W. B. Goode.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—J. W. Kendall, Mrs. Kate Roberts.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—E. O. Dietzman, F. O. Lewis, Emma Stoddard.

*On Missions*—E. J. Roberts, F. F. Wolfe, Helen Dryer, Mattie Stoll.

*On Publication*—A. E. Knack, C. W. Carnes, William Bell, G. C. Brownell.

*On Education*—L. B. Webb, E. N. Hawley, A. W. Gillingham, Mrs. M. C. Roberts.

*On Sabbath-schools*—D. O. Dietzman, F. S. Kamm, Mrs. Olive Kendall, Ira Emerton.

*On Reforms*—E. A. Wolfe, D. G. Jones, J. Turgeson, W. H. Webb.

*On State of the Work*—G. W. Endicott, H. W. Hills, D. O. Dietzman, A. W. Gillingham, William Lory.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—E. N. Hawley, F. F. Wolfe.

*On Ministerial Relations*—G. W. Endicott, H. W. Hills, D. O. Dietzman.

*On Claimants and Claims*—B. D. Fay, E. J. Roberts, G. W. Endicott, A. W. Gillingham, W. H. Webb.

*To Visit Evansville Seminary*—C. W. Carnes, E. O. Dietzman.

*On Nominations*—D. O. Dietzman, E. J. Roberts, H. W. Hills.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—E. O. Dietzman,

*On State of the Work*—H. W. Hills,

*On Missions*—Helen Dryer,

*On Sabbath-schools*—Mattie Stoll,

*On Reforms*—F. O. Lewis,

*On Publications*—C. Sigglekow,

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. J. Roberts, president, retires in 1909; E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires in 1910; H. W. Hills retires in 1911.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

L. B. Webb, president, retires in 1911; D. O. Dietzman, Oscar Johnson, retire in 1910; E. N. Hawley, J. Turgeson, retire in 1909.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

J. Turgeson, Oscar Johnson, retire in 1911; L. B. Webb, president, Thomas Charmley, retire in 1910; E. N. Hawley, retires in 1909.

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**BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY**

L. B. Webb, president, E. N. Hawley, retire in 1911; H. W. Hills retires in 1910; J. Turgeson, A. W. Gillingham, retire in 1909.

**ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR**

November, General and Home Missions; February, Bishops' Salaries; April, Conference Claimants' Fund; June, Evansville Seminary Fund; August, Permanent and Church Extension Funds.

**OFFICERS OF WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY**

L. B. Webb, president; C. Sigglekow, secretary.

**ADDRESSES**

E. J. Roberts, treasurer, 280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.  
D. O. Dietzman, Sunday-school secretary, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

**OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Mrs. M. C. Roberts, president, 280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Mrs. Florence Pate, vice-president, Neillsville, Wisconsin; Mrs. M. C. Wolfe, corresponding secretary, La Farge, Wisconsin; Mrs. M. Pound, recording secretary, Portage, Wisconsin; Miss Helen Dryer, treasurer, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Miss Mattie Stoll, superintendent of Junior Work, Chetek, Wisconsin.

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**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

**PREACHERS**

L. B. Webb,	E. J. Roberts,	A. D. Gillett,
F. F. Wolfe,	E. A. Wolfe,	J. B. Coffin,
E. N. Hawley,	D. O. Dietzman,	A. J. Damon,
E. O. Dietzman,	F. S. Kamm,	C. W. Carnes,
W. L. Meikle,	G. W. Endicott,	C. Sigglekow,
C. A. Cusick,	W. Plant,	F. O. Lewis,
D. G. Jones,	J. Turgeson,	A. E. Knaak,
H. W. Hills,	J. J. Jones,	J. L. Phillips,
W. H. Winters,	G. L. Pound,	J. Walter Jones.

**DELEGATES**

Mary C. Roberts,	A. W. Gillingham,	Mattie Stoll,
William Smith,	H. H. Mann,	William Lory,
Charles Bolling,	George Burlingame,	Kate Roberts,
John Edwards,	E. M. Southwick,	W. H. Webb,
Ernest Madsen,	Albert Bilkey,	Olive Kendall,
Emma Stoddard,	Ira Emerton,	G. C. Brownell,
C. J. Icke,	William Bell,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. D. Fay, H. W. Hills, G. W. Endicott, D. O. Dietzman, G. C. Brownell, William Bell, A. W. Gillingham.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Kendall, W. B. Goode, R. S. Peckham.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. Walter Jones.

6. Who are the deacons? J. J. Jones, A. E. Knaak, J. B. Coffrin, D. G. Jones, J. Walter Jones.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. O. Dietzman.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. Plant.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. A. Cusick, A. D. Gillett.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. H. Winters, from the Illinois conference; C. L. Pound, from the Radical United Brethren church.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. S. Whiting.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? D. S. Reed, Aldo Raymond.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. A. Cusick, \$90; Mary L. Coleman, \$150; Mrs. E. Z. Thwing, \$100; Eliza Thomson, \$25; A. D. Gillett, \$50.
- 22-23. In order at last session before general conference only.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Richland Center, as near the middle of September, 1909, as can be arranged by the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—D. O. DIETZMAN, District Elder, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Evansville.....L. B. Webb, G. B. Burkholder, supply, Evansville, Wisconsin  
 Albany.....To be supplied  
 Milwaukee Second Church, South Side Mission and Waukesha..  
 .....F. F. Wolfe, 805-72 avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
 First Church, Milwaukee.....To be supplied  
 Whitewater and Palmyra.....J. B. Coffrin, Palmyra, Wisconsin  
 Marshall and Pierceville.....To be supplied

C. A. Cusick, superannuated; D. O. Dietzman, member of Evansville district quarterly conference; W. H. Winters, evangelist, member of Evansville district.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—D. O. DIETZMAN, District Elder

Platteville and Cuba City.....C. W. Carnes, Platteville, Wisconsin  
 Arthur.....E. N. Hawley, Platteville, "  
 Montfort, Livingston and Werley.....  
 .....F. S. Kamm, E. C. Madsen, supply,  
 .....Montfort, Wisconsin, Werley, Wisconsin  
 Boscobel.....Liza M. Sangsted, supply, Boscobel, "  
 A. J. Damon, left without an appointment at his request.



BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—G. W. ENDICOTT, District Elder, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Beaver Dam and Calamus.....J. Walter Jones, 222 East Third street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin  
 Pardeeville.....D. G. Jones, Pardeeville, Wisconsin  
 Oshkosh.....E. J. Roberts, Mrs. M. C. Roberts, supply  
 .....280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin  
 Portage and Caledonia.....G. L. Pound, Portage, Wisconsin  
 Baraboo, Excelsior and La Valle.....To be supplied  
 Buckbee and Cobtown.....To be supplied  
 J. J. Jones, left without an appointment; W. L. Meikle, missionary to Japan.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—G. W. ENDICOTT, District Elder.

Richland Center.....F. O. Lewis, Richland Center, Wisconsin  
 Gillingham and Mill Creek.....A. E. Knaak, Richland Center, Wisconsin  
 Loyd, Little Willow and Hub City.....C. Sigglekow, Loyd, Wisconsin  
 La Farge and Bear Creek.....E. A. Wolfe, La Farge, Wisconsin  
 Hills Prairie and Revels Valley.....D. W. Young  
 Necedah.....Eunice Alderman, supply, Necedah, Wisconsin

W. Plant, supernumerary; G. W. Endicott, member Richland district quarterly conference.

NORTHERN DISTRICT—H. W. HILLS, District Elder, Chetek, Wisconsin.

Humbird, Augusta and Troubled Waters...W. B. Goode, Humbird, Wisconsin  
 York Center Circuit.....R. S. Peckham, R. F. D., Granton, Wisconsin  
 Barron Circuit, Sioux Creek, Maple Grove and Pecor.....J. Turgeson, Barron, Wisconsin  
 Chetek, Canton and Rice Lake.....Mattie Stoll, supply, Chetek, Wisconsin  
 Ladysmith, Weyerhauser and Sioska.....Fred Shaffer, Sr., A. J. Pool, supply, Rice Lake, Chetek, Wisconsin  
 Three Lakes, Monico Junction and Hackley.....E. O. Dietzman, Three Lakes, Wisconsin  
 Rhinelander.....To be supplied  
 Polk County Circuit.....H. Robinson, supply  
 Burnett County, Douglas County and Leonard Spur.....J. W. Kendall, Aaron P. O., Wisconsin  
 Menomone Circuit.....To be supplied

A. D. Gillett, superannuated; J. L. Phillips, left without an appointment.

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Adams, Charles....	Dallas, Wisconsin	Maley, John.....	Hub City, Wisconsin
Alcock, Thomas, Platteville,	"	Pool, A. J.....	Chetek, "
Bell, William.....	Chetek, "	Pearsall, Robert....	Marshall, "
*Emerton, Ira.....	Evansville, "	†Pate, Robert.....	Neillsville, "
Drayton, Elmer.....	Boaz, "	Shaffer, Fred, Jr., Ladysmith,	"
Gillingham, Elias, Gillingham,	"	Southwick, E. M., Neillsville,	"
Hanson, Richard....	Barron, "	Smith, Lee, Barron, Wisconsin, Star	
Hanson, Clinton....	Barron, "	Route.	
Johnson, A. L.....	Augusta, "	*Tullis, E. P....	Evansville, Wisconsin
†Manion, J. A., Cuba City,	"	Turgeson, John.....	Boaz, "
McLeod, John....	Platteville, "	Tallman, Orin.....	Chetek, "
Mann, Horace H., Gillingham,	"	*Waters, William, Platteville,	"
		Young, D. E.....	Necedah, "

\*Local Elder. †Local Deacon.

## EVANGELISTS

Alderman, Eunice, Humbird, Wisconsin	Lane, Mabel, 114 South Peoria street,
Clark, Hugh....Gillingham, "	Chicago, Illinois.
Damon, * Christie, Orleans, Nebraska	†Roberts, Mary, 280 Forest avenue,
Franz, Mrs. C. L., Fall River, Wisconsin.	Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
Jones, Nora....Pardeeville, Wisconsin	Sangstad, Lisa M., Boscobel, Wisconsin
Jones, Florence, Beaver Dam, "	Shaffer, Fred, Sr., Rice Lake, "
Kidney, Mabel....Evansville, "	‡Stoll, Mattie.....Chetek, "
Kendall, Olive, Aaron P. O., "	Townsend, Bertha, Evansville, Wisconsin.
	Webb, Grace J., Evansville, Wisconsin
	Wolfe, M. C., La Farge, "

‡Conference Evangelist.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON MISSIONS.

Missionary history began with the advent of Jesus of Nazareth, when through the rent veil of his flesh and the rent door of his tomb, the path of life was opened to every believer.

Some nineteen centuries have fled and the unrolling of the panorama of these centuries present to us in vivid colors, the marvels of missionary history.

Ever since Pentecost flamed with its tongue of fire, God has been visiting nation after nation to take out of them a people for His name.

At first the door of faith was opened to the Jew, and the proselytes, gathered from all nations, who went back, like the Ethiopian Eunuch, to witness to the people among whom they dwelt.

Then the door was opened to the Samaritans, Syrians, people of Asia Minor and Greece; then to those of Italy, Gaul, Britain, Germany; till in our day God successively flings wide the portals of India and Burmah, Syria and Turkey, Siam and China, Africa, Japan, Corea and the Isles of the sea; yea, even the papal strongholds, France, Italy and Spain. One fact is plain; open doors now challenge the Christian church to enter every land. Never has the Christian church had such combination of world-wide signals as in our day.

Labourers should be multiplied, gifts increased and with a new energy born in us of the Holy Spirit, this greatest enterprise of the ages should be undertaken. When we are reminded that within our generation a thousand millions of human beings will go down to the grave without faith or hope, life or even light; one hundred die daily, while forty millions of Protestant believers, idle and unmoved, see this wholesale descent into the darkness beyond; and further when we are reminded that there are four hundred professed disciples in Protestant communions for every one of that hundred thousand that each day pass into the great unknown we are led to ponder over what might be the wonderful results if the evangelism of these Protestant disciples, if once well-organized and indwelt by the spirit of missions and the spirit of God.

Livingston said: "The spirit of missions is the spirit of our Master; the very genius of our religion. A diffusive philanthropy is Christianity itself. It requires perpetual propagation to attest its genuineness."

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The Free Methodist church stands among the King's vanguard. It is estimated that the average American church gave last year fifty-four cents a member. The average amount given by our church was one dollar and forty-six cents a member.

The Wisconsin conference contributed to foreign missions last year one thousand eighty-nine dollars and seventy-four cents through the efforts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, one hundred thirty dollars twenty-five cents through other channels, making a total of twelve hundred nineteen dollars ninety-nine cents, or a little better than one dollar sixty-five cents a member in full connection.

The aggregate amount for this year has not been determined; however, we believe it will not fall below the figures of last year. While we rejoice in this fair showing of missionary effort, let us yet aim higher and concentrate our efforts to see if we cannot in the coming year, make our aggregate amount for foreign missions to be fifteen hundred dollars.. Let us rally our forces along every line and let there be hearty co-operation and wide awake enthusiasm in this our efforts to evangelize the far away heathen fields.

In addition to this our gift of means, we have given to the mission field this year a consecrated and devoted family—the Rev. W. L. Meikle and family now located at Osaka, Japan. We would also speak of another of our devoted Wisconsin representatives, Rev. Carroll Smith, now stationed at Inhambane, East Africa. May these co-workers with Christ in the far away fields share our prayers and means in their arduous toils and self-sacrifice to fulfil their Master's purpose.

Let us listen to hear the Master's call; and let us pray that out of our ranks may yet go forth laborers to represent us in India, China and the isles of the sea.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>EVANSVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Evansville.....			\$ 40 00	\$ 2 15	\$ 400 00		\$ 98 00	\$ 20 00				
Milwaukee, 1st and 2nd Churches			30 00	1 65	500 00	\$100	68 45	45 00	2	\$300 00	2	
Albany.....	\$ 16			15		40	10 91	2 00	1	1200 00	1	\$ 900
Whitewater, Palmyra, etc.....			10 00	1 25	282 91		47 82		4	4300 00		
Sharon.....												
<b>PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Platteville, Cuba City, etc.....			21 80	2 45	439 50	100	107 41	16 00	2	2000 00	1	1500
Montford, Livingston, etc.....			39 97	2 10	411 76	72	85 18	57 57	3	2800 00	1	800
Bescobal.....			6 87	09	50 68		9 70		1	700 00		
<b>BEAVER DAM DISTRICT</b>												
Beaver Dam.....	2 40		11 23	1 20	401 02	100	52 11	21 90	1	2000 00	1	1800
Pardeeville.....			35 00	95	320 00	75	45 57	28 23	1	2500 00	1	1200
Oshkosh.....	\$ 1 00		60 42	1 85	400 00	84	85 00		1	2800 00	1	1800
Portage and Oaledonia.....	1 65		12 00	1 00	293 00	25	59 61		2	1600 00		
Baraboo, Excelsior, LaSalle.....					7 00				3	2500 00	1	500
<b>RICHLAND DISTRICT</b>												
Richland Center.....			49 16	1 80	425 00	75	80 49	8 60	1	1400 00	1	1000
Gillingham and Mill Creek.....			20 00		399 02		177 47	15 00	2	2000 00		
Loyd, Little Willow, Hub City.....	62			1 60	226 00	50			2	1400 00	1	600
LaFarge.....		1 51	28 95	1 35	300 59	75	55 59	10 00	2	2500 00	1	1000
Hillsboro and Revell's Valley.....			6 00	85	163 70		39 95	16 00	2	1800 00		
Manston and Necedah.....			9 34	3 50	26 00		27 97		1	400 00		
<b>NORTHERN DISTRICT</b>												
Rhineland, Monico Jet., etc.....			15 00	35	338 51	72	34 83		2	2500 00	2	1600
Buckbee, Clintonville, Sherman												
Humbird and Augusta.....			17 00		250 00	100	65 00		1	400 00		
York Center.....			25 64	1 30	219 16	50	49 15	76 47	1	1500 00	1	1500
Barron Circuit.....	4 50		17 75	2 50	300 00	36	110 36	16 00	1	800 00	1	800
Sioux Creek Circuit.....			19 00	1 90	115 00	55	73 83	27 00	1	800 00	1	400
Siooka Circuit.....		80	10 30		25 56		24 87					
Menomonie.....			6 00	30			35 00					
Polk County.....												
Ladysmith and Weyerhauser.....							18 75					
Burnett and Douglass County.....			9 20	40	199 00		46 77					
<b>Total</b>	\$ 7 68	\$ 4 96	\$ 500 63	\$90 79	\$6493 41	1009 1511 39	\$ 359 77	\$38 33	46200 00	18	16200	

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

EVANSVILLE, PLATTEVILLE, BEAVER DAM, RICHLAND AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Methodists' Taken	Conference Claim-Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claim	General Missions Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci-eties	
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT																	
Evansville.....	D. O. Dietzman, District Elder	48	8	56	2	4	1	10	55	12	\$ 19.60	\$ 8.22	\$ 12.25	\$ 7.35	\$ 4.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Milwaukee, 1st and 2nd Churches	L. B. Webb.....	37	11	48	2	2	12	80	12	13	20	5.94	4.96	30	54	54	54
Albany.....	F. F. Wolfe.....	2		2						1	20	64	46	30			
Whitewater, Palmyra, Marshall, etc.	J. B. Coffrin.....	15	14	29	1	1	2	9	16	10	00	4.50	6.25	2.50			
Sharon.....																	
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT																	
Platteville, Cuba City and Arthur	D. O. Dietzman, District Elder	49	4	49	4	1	7	40	20	19	60	8.82	7.73	4.90	11	51	28.98
Montford, Livingston and Worley	C. W. Oakes.....	43	8	51	2	11	2	122	6	16	80	7.00	10.50	4.20	11	63	56.84
Boscobel.....	Miss L. M. Sangsted, supply	5		5			1	14	1	3	60	1.62	1.35	72			
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT	D. G. Endicott, District Elder	24	24	1	1	1	5	33	6	9	60	4.32	3.60	2.40			25.90
Pardeeville.....	D. G. Jones.....	18	4	22	2	2	10	85	5	7	60	3.42	2.85	1.90			11.45
Oshkosh.....	J. J. Roberts.....	41	8	49	2	1	11	60	8	14	80	6.66	9.25	3.70	8	52	84.67
Portage and Oneida.....	E. J. Roberts.....	19	1	20			8	28	5	8	00	3.60	3.00	2.00	19	85	
Baraboo, Excelsior and LaVallé.....	C. L. Pound.....	12	12							5	00	2.50					
RICHLAND DISTRICT																	
Richland Center.....	G. W. Endicott, District Elder	38	10	48	1	1	6	39	9	14	40	6.48	5.40	3.60			44.35
Gillingham and Mill Creek	G. Lewis.....	36	7	43	3	1	2	5	12	10	40	1.67	6.50	3.90	43	00	21.50
Lord, Little Willow and Hub City	H. S. Peckham.....	32	4	36	1	1	7	25	5	12	80	5.76	8.00	4.80	3	20	
LaFarge.....	Charles Sigelkow.....	24	24				15	30	6	10	80	4.86	6.75	4.05	2	70	14.83
Hillsboro and Revell's Valley.....	D. O. Dietzman.....	17	1	18			5	30	4	6	80	3.05	4.25	2.55	1	70	
Manston and Necedah.....	A. E. Knaak.....	19	2	21			5	30	1	12	80	5.40	5.56		3	65	2.00
NORTHERN DISTRICT																	
Rhineland, Monticello, ThreeLak's	H. W. Young, District Elder	8	8	16	1	1	6	20	3	2	80	1.26	1.75	1.05	70	21	51
Bucklee, Clintonville and Sherman	E. A. Wolfe.....	5		5													
Bumbrid and Augusta.....	W. B. Goode.....	49	1	50	2	1	7	47	6	19	60	8.82	8.00	7.35	3	20	18.35
York Center.....	R. S. Peckham.....	26	4	30	1	1	6	39	10	10	40	4.68	6.50	3.90	60		46.86
Barre, Oregon.....	J. J. Turgeson.....	35	17	52	1	1	16	30	8	12	80	8.06	10.95	7.05	4	55	47.80
Sloka Creek Circuit.....	William Bell.....	10	16	26	2	2	4	20	1	4	00	4.94	4.22	3.80			30.00
Menomonee.....		5	3	8	1	1	3	15	4	2	40	1.80	1.50	2.00			6.10
Polk County.....	H. Robinson.....	5	5	1						2	80	.36	.87	.60	5	00	2.00
Ladysmith and Weyerhauser	F. D. Shaffer.....	18	1	19	1	1	7	36	4	7	34	1.36	34				
Burnett and Douglass County.....	J. W. Kendall.....	18	7	25	1	1	6	25	3	4	45	1.44	1.20	80			
Total.....		704	122	826	23	19	33	176	1076	167	\$ 281.19	\$ 117.91	\$ 130.52	\$ 96.75	\$ 54.17	\$ 214.67	\$ 683.14

# MINNESOTA AND NORTH IOWA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1908

## OFFICERS

WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD, *President*

H. L. TENNEY, *Secretary*

B. Y. NEAL, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—William B. Olmstead, B. Y. Neal, Emma Armstrong.

*On State of the Work*—B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong, J. H. Noble.

*On Reforms*—F. L. Burns, Alice E. Thomas, Emma Armstrong.

*On Publications*—H. L. Tenney, C. W. Sutton, A. E. Ingwall.

*On Sunday-schools*—S. Ada Hall, Alice E. Thomas, Libbie Landis.

*On Education*—S. Ada Hall, J. L. Kent, F. L. Burns.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—F. L. Burns, Libbie Landis.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—John Sutton.

*On Charities*—C. W. Sutton, J. H. Noble.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—F. L. Burns, J. D. Armstrong.

*On Claimants and Claims*—William B. Olmstead, B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong,  
J. H. Noble, H. L. Tenney.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—H. L. Tenney,

*On Education*—S. H. Upton,

*On Charities*—John Sutton,

*On Publications*—F. L. Burns,

*On Sunday-schools*—S. Ada Hall.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

B. Y. Neal, for three years; H. L. Tenney, for one year.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Sutton, J. H. Noble, B. Y. Neal, J. H. Potts, William Baldwin.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B. Y. Neal, H. L. Tenney, J. D. Armstrong, Walter Wheeler, C. W. Sutton,  
W. E. Capener.

## CUSTODIANS OF FARMS AND FARM PROCEEDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

B. Y. Neal, for three years; J. D. Armstrong, for two years; C. W. Sutton,  
for one year.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Permanent Fund; second quarter, Home Mis-  
sions; third quarter, Church Extension, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter,  
Conference Claimants' Fund.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. H. L. Tenney, Plymouth, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. Clara Up-



ton, Plymouth, Iowa; secretary, Mrs. Viola Pollock, Randolph, Minnesota; treasurer, Miss S. Ada Hall, Mason City, Iowa.

#### ADDRESSES

B. Y. Neal, conference treasurer, 1784 Lafond street, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Miss S. Ada Hall, conference Sunday-school secretary, Mason City, Iowa

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

#### PREACHERS

C. M. Damon,  
C. W. Howe,  
B. Y. Neal,  
F. L. Burns,

William Baldwin,  
J. H. Potts,  
H. L. Tenney,  
A. J. Smith.

C. W. Sutton,  
J. L. Kent,  
John Sutton,

S. Ada Hall, by provision of Discipline.

#### DELEGATES

J. D. Armstrong,  
A. E. Ingwall,  
W. E. Capener.

Libbie Landis,  
Alice E. Thomas,

Emma Armstrong,  
Joseph Noble,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William B. Olmstead, B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? S. H. Upton.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? John Sutton, F. L. Burns, W. H. Hiatt (local).

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. L. Tenney.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. M. Damon, C. W. Howe, William Baldwin.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. J. Smith, from the Central Illinois conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. J. Smith, B. I. Hubbard.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. See report.

22, 23. None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? The fixing of the place is left to a committee consisting of B. Y. Neal, F. L. Burns and H. L. Tenney; the time is to be as near the 15th of September, 1909, as will be suitable with the plans of the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—BURTON Y. NEAL, District Elder, 1784 Lafond street, St. Paul, Minnesota

Plymouth and Lime Creek.....S. H. Upton, Plymouth, Iowa  
Mason City.....S. Ada Hall, 315 West Miller street, Mason City, "  
Riceville, Round Grove and Bonair.....F. L. Burns, Riceville, "  
Glenville .....To be supplied  
Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse.....To be supplied  
Mapleton .....To be supplied

H. L. Tenney, supernumerary, Plymouth, Iowa; J. H. Potts, Riceville, Iowa; J. L. Kent, Riceville, Iowa, left without appointment, Paragraph 94 of the Discipline; C. W. Howe, Corinth, New York; William Baldwin, Glenville, Minnesota; C. M. Damon, Mitchell, South Dakota, superannuated; B. I. Hubbard, Draper, South Dakota; A. J. Smith, Vandalia, Illinois; granted certificates of good standing with a view to transfer.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—BURTON Y. NEAL, District Elder

St. Paul and Minneapolis.....W. H. Winters, supply, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Burton Y. Neal, member of the St. Paul district quarterly conference.

ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT—BURTON Y. NEAL, District Elder

Estherville .....C. W. Sutton, Estherville, Iowa  
Armstrong .....John Sutton, Estherville, "  
Fairmont and Winnebago.....To be supplied  
Capener schoolhouse.....W. G. Anderson, supply, Ruthven, Iowa  
Royal and Maple Grove.....To be supplied  
Algona .....To be supplied

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. H. L. Tenney, Plymouth, Iowa Miss S. Ada Hall...Mason City, Iowa

## DISTRICT EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Clara Anderson, Ruthven, Iowa Mrs. Viola Pollock, Randolph, Minnesota.

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Wallace Hall....Granada, Minnesota W. H. Hiatt....Fairmont, Minnesota

## MISCELLANEOUS

Rev. William B. Olmstead presided over the thirty-seventh session of our conference in the absence of Bishop Walter A. Sellew. His addresses to the conference were full of excellent suggestions and helpful instruction. He conducted the affairs of the conference with impartiality and dispatch. He preached three times and his ministrations in the Spirit were a source of uplift and blessing. A number were at the altar and received definite help. Several united with the church.

Rev. J. P. Brodhead gave two addresses on foreign mission work, the evening address being illustrated with stereopticon views. They were of thrilling interest, and the appeal for financial help was responded to with a collection amounting to over \$200 in cash and subscriptions. Brother Brodhead labored very faithfully in the religious services.

Rev. J. Whiteside, of the South Dakota conference, presented the needs

of Wessington Springs seminary. He preached once and labored earnestly in all the services.

An amount equal to twenty-five cents a member was ordered for home mission work.

The pilgrims at the Twin cities, led by Rev. B. Y. Neal, provided amply for our entertainment, and we shall remember their kindness in making provision for our comfort with gratitude.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.

Amount necessary to pay claimants next year: C. M. Damon, \$150; C. W. Howe, \$50; William Baldwin, \$90; Hester A. Wilson, \$150; Maria L. Cain, \$70; Luella Phillips, \$50; Mrs. Henry W. Miller, \$20; Mary E. Sumner, \$40; Mary C. Wolcott, \$80.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTH IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT												
Plymouth and Lime Creek .....			\$ 30 00	\$ 1 90	\$ 350 00	10		\$ 50 00	2	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1500
Mason City .....			59 59	2 20	434 83		80 00	40 00	1	1500	1	1300
Riceville and Round Grove .....		\$ 3 00	38 89	1 45	350 00		71 10	100 00	1	1500	1	1700
Bonair and Oakdale .....				40			11 58		1	1000	1	500
Glenville and Lansing .....				65	250 00		52 00	40 00	1	1000		
Hayfield and Durant .....				15								
Mapleton .....				80	189 15		31 13	16 50				
ST. PAUL DISTRICT												
Minneapolis and St. Paul .....				1 50	180 00		62 00					
ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT												
Estherville .....		\$ 1 40	20 31	65	225 00		30 40	26 50	1	2500		
Armstrong and Algona .....				50	200 00	40	27 52		2	2750	2	1550
Fairmont and Ceylon .....				50	150 00		33 00					
Capener School House .....		2 41	19 96	85	297 52		71 15	28 89				
Petersen, Douglas Center, etc. ....				1 00	252 00		34 89		1	800	1	800
Winnebago .....				1 30	300 00	50	74 00		1	1000	1	1000
Total .....		\$ 6 81	\$ 168 75	\$ 14 75	\$ 3178 50	\$ 470	\$ 656 77	\$ 301 89	11	\$ 14050	8	\$ 8850

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTH IOWA CONFERENCE

PLYMOUTH, ST. PAUL AND ESTHERVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church-Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Women's Foreign Missions Society
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT																		
Plymouth and Lime Creek.....	Burton Y. Neal, District Elder	38	2	41	1	1	2	9	70	20	15 20	84	13 37	5 70	3 30	.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 91 10
Roson City.....	C. W. Sutton.....	38	9	47	1	1	1	13	179	13	15 20	7 93	13 37	5 70	3 30	.....	.....	65 30
Rockledge, Grand Grove.....	A. H. Smith.....	38	9	47	1	1	1	13	179	13	15 20	7 93	13 37	5 70	3 30	.....	.....	65 30
Rockledge and Oakdale.....	H. H. Sutton.....	19	2	21	1	1	1	12	80	9	15 20	5 22	17 35	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	64 03
Glenview and Lansing.....	Blanche E. Smith, supply	12	1	13	1	1	1	8	18	5	3 20	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	.....	.....	54 32
Hayville and Durant.....	Supplied.....	5	5	10	1	1	1	18	5	5	5 22	2 34	3 25	1 95	48	.....	.....	54 32
Mapleton.....	B. I. Hubbard.....	14	14	28	5	5	5	.....	.....	4	1 26	2 65	76	2 40	.....	.....	.....	5 00
ST. PAUL DISTRICT																		
Minneapolis and St. Paul.....	Burton Y. Neal, District Elder	40	2	42	1	1	1	5	30	8	12 40	5 44	7 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	67 24
ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT																		
Estherville.....	Burton Y. Neal, District Elder	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	55	7	4 40	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	22 20
Armstrong and Algonia.....	S. Ada Hall, supply.....	13	13	26	1	1	1	4	15	3	4 09	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 07	.....	.....	5 10
Fairmont and Ceylon.....	Moses Josart, supply.....	10	3	13	1	1	1	4	15	4	1 60	1 28	4 50	1 50	1 40	.....	.....	33 00
Capener School House.....	W. H. Hiatt, supply.....	31	9	40	1	1	1	7	53	6	6 80	3 05	4 25	2 55	1 70	.....	.....	33 00
Peterson, Douglas Center, Maple Gr. Winnebago.....	W. G. Anderson, supply.....	14	14	28	1	1	1	7	53	6	8 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	8 00
Winnebago.....	John Sutton.....	26	26	52	2	2	2	.....	.....	6	10 40	4 08	6 50	3 90	2 00	.....	.....	14 30
Winnebago.....	L. N. Howell, supply.....	26	26	52	2	2	2	.....	.....	6	10 40	4 08	6 50	3 90	2 00	.....	.....	14 30
Total.....		308	80	387	3	3	3	60	501	94	101 27	45 77	79 62	41 25	24 07	.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 430 00

# PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
JEANNETTE, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 3, 1908.

## OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

J. F. SILVER, *Secretary*

H. A. BALDWIN, *Assistant Secretary*

J. N. GRACE, *Assistant Secretary*

J. P. FOY, *Statistical Secretary*

J. H. WHITEMAN, *Assistant Statistician*

OLIVER GORNALL, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Nominations*—A. D. Zahniser, Albert Wilson, W. W. Spiker, J. B. Easton, C. H. Miller.

*On Public Worship*—Walter A. Sellew, A. D. Zahniser, E. M. Adair.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes*—H. L. Speer.

*On Conference Missions*—The stationing committee.

*On Education*—J. B. Easton, J. N. Grace, J. F. Culler.

*On Sabbath-schools*—T. R. Wayne, William Walter, F. B. Sellers.

*On Publications*—H. A. Baldwin, S. E. Crane, Lloyd Page.

*On Reforms*—W. W. Spiker, J. H. Whiteman, T. H. Hawkins.

*On Examining Quarterly Conference Records*—D. W. Rose, L. C. Andre, D. G. Shirer, J. W. McIntosh, R. B. Campbell.

*On Ministerial Relations*—The stationing committee.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Walter A. Sellew, R. H. Bentley, A. D. Zahniser, Miller Flocker, T. M. Rickard.

*On Reporting to the Press*—J. N. Grace, J. G. McConnell.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. W. Spiker, D. W. Rose, time expires 1909; J. H. Whiteman, time expires 1910; H. A. Baldwin, J. P. Foy, time expires 1911.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. B. Easton, A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, Miller Flocker, W. W. McCormick.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENCE MISSION, PITTSBURG

J. B. Easton, A. D. Zahniser, J. N. Grace, J. F. Silver, R. H. Bentley, Albert Wilson, H. C. Glosser, G. B. Lambert, T. M. Rickard, W. W. McCormick.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. F. Silver, J. B. Easton, A. D. Zahniser, Miller Flocker, George Delbridge.

## CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

T. R. Wayne, for that part which embraces the Pittsburg and Rochester districts; J. H. Whiteman, for that part which embraces the Greensburg, Allegheny, West Virginia and Atlanta districts.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Sunday-schools*—J. H. Whiteman, *On Reforms*—H. A. Baldwin,

*On Publications*—Albert Wilson, *On Education*—A. D. Zahniser.



## FINANCE

Oliver Gornall, treasurer, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania; J. G. McConnell, auditor, 1907 Birdella street, Ward 39, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

## TENT COMMITTEE

A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, Albert Wilson, Oliver Gornall, J. B. Easton, D. J. Baker, Miller Flocker, William Hodge, E. E. Harford, H. A. Baldwin, J. W. VanGilder.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Fund (18 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), Evangelists' Fund (5 cents).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Laura Lamb; first vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Zahniser, 401 Morewood avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania; second vice-president, Mrs. Alma Miller, Hendricks, West Virginia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. B. Easton, 48 Cresson street, 32 Ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, Mrs. D. W. Rose, 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Speer, 318 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

Jeremiah Barnhart,  
A. D. Zahniser,  
J. B. Easton,  
A. F. Faust,  
Albert Wilson,  
W. W. Spiker,  
D. G. Shirer,  
J. P. Foy,  
G. L. Coughron,  
J. W. McIntosh,  
H. H. O'Bryon,  
E. M. Sandys,  
L. N. Campbell,

R. H. Bentley,  
T. R. Wayne,  
H. A. Baldwin,  
J. F. Silver,  
W. G. Long,  
C. W. Stamp,  
C. F. Johnston,  
F. W. Boettner,  
Oliver Gornall,  
F. E. Glass,  
J. N. McKim,  
Oliver Atkinson,  
H. W. Armstrong.

Walter A. Sellew,  
E. E. Shelhamer,  
L. C. Andre,  
H. L. Speer,  
Adam Lenkerd,  
Benjamin Hosbach,  
J. H. Whiteman,  
R. N. Large,  
C. H. Miller,  
D. W. Rose,  
J. N. Grace,  
H. W. Hodge,

## WOMEN EVANGELISTS

Laura Lamb,  
Sarah Howard.

Rosella E. Adair,

Elizabeth Stewart.

## DELEGATES

E. M. Rawling,  
Lloyd Page,  
Drucilla Rink,  
Vina Palmer,  
J. M. McCracken,  
Miller Flocker,  
Robert Kelly,

George Ryan,  
J. C. King,  
Leona Price,  
John Fickes,  
John Braddee,  
T. H. Hawkins,  
R. G. Smeltzer,

J. F. Culler,  
I. A. Pierce,  
S. M. Cashdollar,  
Jeannette Gilmour,  
J. G. McConnell,  
Grover Keffer,  
Thomas Cisco.

## DELEGATES—Continued

W. W. Jeffries,	Adda VanGilder,	F. P. Hague,
Jennie Lamison,	T. M. Rickard,	John Armstrong,
W. F. Grafton,	S. E. Crane,	Mrs. Joseph Wood,
William Brubaker,	W. W. McCormick,	William Walter,
Maria McFeeters,	James Hugh,	H. P. Burlbaugh,
Ida M. Shirer,	E. E. Poole,	Harriet Eurich,
J. W. VanGilder,	R. T. Elliott,	Mary Gaines,
F. B. Sellers,	Francis M. Duffy,	Joseph Davenport,
Sadie Skelly.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, J. B. Easton, Albert Wilson, A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, C. H. Miller, Oliver Gornall, F. P. Hague, John Fickes, J. C. King, W. W. McCormick, J. W. VanGilder, J. G. McConnell.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? R. B. Campbell, E. E. Finley, W. I. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? E. L. Garrow, E. R. Smith, E. M. Adair, J. R. Main, A. L. Duncan, C. I. Schroder, J. C. Rose.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. W. Hodge, L. N. Campbell.

6. Who are the deacons? Benamin Hosbach, G. L. Coughron, R. N. Large, H. H. O'Bryon, J. N. McKim, J. N. Grace, Oliver Atkinson, J. H. Spears, N. L. Smith, W. B. Harris, \*L. N. Campbell, \*H. W. Hodge. J. C. King and E. E. Harford were ordained local deacons at this session.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? H. W. Hodge.

8. Who have located this year? W. W. Blossom.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Main.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Jeremiah Barnhart, F. E. Glass, D. G. Shirer.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? H. W. Armstrong, from the New York conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? J. W. Howard, under censure; C. L. Wright.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. E. Shelhamer, to the Southern California conference; E. M. Sandys, to the New York conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was passed, with one exception.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? No claimants.

22-23. Not asked at this session.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when, shall our next conference be held? At Chester.

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\*Ordained this year.

West Virginia, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1909, as can be arranged by the bishops.

## APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURG DISTRICT—J. B. EASTON, District Elder, 48 Cresson street, Mt Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg (Mt. Washington) .....  
 .....R. H. Bentley, 14 Katherine street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
 " (Frankstown avenue) .....  
 .....J. N. McKim, 8212 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburg, "  
 " (Steuben street) and Sheradan.....  
 .....E. L. Garrow, 1040 Steuben street, Pittsburg, "  
 " (Glenwood avenue).....Benjamin Hosbach.....  
 " .....Glenwood and Alameda streets, Pittsburg, "  
 " (Providence Mission) .....  
 ...C. F. Johnston, 24 Sycamore street, S. S., Pittsburg, "  
 Kittanning, West Kittanning and Roston.....  
 .....H. W. Armstrong, 1513 Johnston avenue, Kittanning, Pennsylvania  
 New Kensington and Verona.....  
 .L. A. Southworth, supply, 420 Ninth street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania  
 McKeesport and Glassport.....  
 .....H. L. Speer, 318 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania  
 Braddock and East Pittsburg...Emma Ellison, supply, Braddock, "  
 Carnegie, McDonald and Washington.....  
 .....Laura Lamb, supply, Carnegie, Pennsylvania  
 Smithton, Collinsburg and Jacob's Creek.....  
 .....Eva Young, supply, Smithton, Pennsylvania  
 Whitaker and Homestead.....  
 T. D. McCleary and Margaret McCleary, supplies, 527 Avery  
 .....street, North Side, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
 Monongahela City, Courtney and Lewis Run.....To be supplied  
 Walter A. Sellow, bishop, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York;  
 C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, 14 North May street, Chicago,  
 Illinois; Jeremiah Barnhart, superannuated, Colville, Washington; F. E. Glass,  
 superannuated, Bradford, Pennsylvania; J. W. Howard, permitted to with-  
 draw from the church under censure; Adam Lenkerd, supplying work in the  
 Genesee conference, East Otto, New York; C. L. Wright, withdrawn from the  
 church.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—ALBERT WILSON, District Elder, Chester, West Vir-  
 ginia.

New Brighton and Beaver Falls. .D. W. Rose, Lucia Rose, supply,  
 .....527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania  
 Rochester, Pleasant Valley and Freedom.....  
 .....L. N. Campbell, 466 East Madison street, Rochester, Pennsylvania  
 Monaca and Colonia.....J. W. McIntosh, Monaca, "  
 Frankfort Springs and Burgettstown.....  
 .....Rosella E. Adair, supply, Hookstown, R. F. D., Pennsylvania  
 Hookstown and Georgetown.....E. R. Smith, Hookstown, "  
 Chester and Newell.....Sarah E. Howard, supply, Chester, West Virginia  
 Ohioville.....Elizabeth Stewart, supply, Smith's Ferry, R. D. 1, Pennsylvania  
 East Liverpool (Avondale street) and Westville.....  
 .....T. R. Wayne, East Liverpool, Ohio  
 East Liverpool (Oakland) and Midland.....  
 .....Oliver Atkinson, East Liverpool, Sta. 1, Ohio

Irondale and Ekeyville.....To be supplied  
 Wellsburg, Mingo Junction and Steubenville....."  
 .....H. A. Baldwin, Wellsburg, West Virginia  
 Bridgeport, Neff and Martin's Ferry.....W. G. Long, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania  
 D. G. Shirer, superannuated, Rochester, Pennsylvania; A. F. Faust, left  
 without an appointment.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—A. D. ZAHNISER, District Elder, 401 Morewood  
 avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Fairchance.....R. N. Large, Fairchance, Pennsylvania  
 Glendale and Emma Hall....R. E. Shaner, supply, Haydentown, "  
 Uniontown, Cool Spring and West Brownsville....."  
 .....E. M. Adair, Uniontown, Pennsylvania  
 Cove Run.....A. L. Duncan, Percy, Fayette county, "  
 Mt. Pleasant, New Haven and Ruffsdales.....J. H. Spears and  
 Malinda Spears, supplies.....16 Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, "  
 Arona.....E. E. Finley, Arona, "  
 Bridgeport and Scottdale.....  
 .....M. F. Shafer, supply, Mt. Pleasant, R. D. 4, Pennsylvania  
 Jeanette and Greensburg.....R. B. Campbell, Jeanette, "  
 Belle Vernon and Sunny Side.....  
 .....J. C. Rose, Edna Rose, supply, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania  
 Blairsville.....J. H. Whiteman, Blairsville, "  
 Black Lick and Homer City....John Douglas, supply, Black Lick, "  
 Indiana and Marion Centre.....  
 ....J. P. Foy, Clara Foy, supply, 401 Church street, Indiana, Pennsylvania  
 Bolivar and Armagh.....To be supplied  
 G. L. Coughron, left without appointment according to paragraph 94 of  
 the Discipline, Jeannette, Pennsylvania; S. F. Heilman, transferred to the  
 Southern California conference.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT—J. F. SILVER, District Elder, 2 Katherine street, Mt.  
 Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Butler.....J. N. Grace, 649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania  
 Callery, Mars, Adams and Evans City.....  
 ....Elizabeth Bergman, supply, one to be supplied, Callery, "  
 Hite, Russellton and Birdville.....C. I. Schroder, Hite, "  
 Tarentum....W. W. Spiker, 446 East Seventh avenue, Tarentum, "  
 Leechburg and Bagdad.....H. H. O'Bryon, Leechburg, "  
 Vandergrift Heights.....Oliver Gornall, Vandergrift Heights, "  
 Apollo and Laurel Point.....L. C. Andre, Apollo, "  
 Avonmore, Perrysville and Saltsburg..F. W. Boettner, Avonmore, "  
 E. M. Sandys, granted certificate of standing, Brooklyn, New York; J. R.  
 Main, supernumerary, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—C. H. MILLER, District Elder, Hendricks, West  
 Virginia.

Morgantown, Dellslow and Sarver.....O. Satterfield, supply  
 Fairmont, Catawba, Mt. Sharon and Clarksburg.....  
 .....W. I. Smith, T. H. Hawkins, supply  
 Samaria, McConkey and Nain.....Brooks Morgan, supply  
 Enterprise and Sarietta.....Adda VanGilder, supply, Grafton, West Virginia  
 Hendricks.....Alma Miller, supply, Hendricks, "  
 Grafton.....To be supplied  
 W. W. Blossom, located according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline, mem-  
 bership at Hendricks, West Virginia.

ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT—H. W. HODGE, District Elder, 94 Milledge avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta.....H. W. Hodge, N. L. Smith  
 Gainesville.....P. B. Hampton, supply  
 Rockmart and New Lebanon.....W. B. Harris, Ula Harris, supply  
 Marietta.....Lucky Wallace, supply  
 Bolingbroke.....W. H. Tyler, supply  
 Birmingham, Alabama.....E. N. Pitts, supply  
 LaGrange.....W. H. Crouch, supply  
 E. E. Shelhamer, granted certificate of good standing.

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Abbott, H. L., 414 Marshall avenue, \*Mowry, W. C.....Atwater, Ohio  
 McKeesport, Pennsylvania Nail, T. A., 622 Centre avenue, Butler,  
 \*Bailey, T. H., Arnold street, Pitts- Pennsylvania  
 burg, Pennsylvania Page, Lloyd, Fairmon, R. D. 3, West  
 Baker, D. J., 28 Katherine street, Mt. Virginia  
 Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania Palm, Wm., 108 Maple avenue, Butler,  
 Baker, F. M., New Brighton, Pennsylv- Pennsylvania  
 vania Pitts, E. M.....Birmingham, Alabama  
 Baldridge, T. J., Apollo, Pennsylvania Rambo, William, Monaca, Pennsylv-  
 Brubaker, William, Avonmore, Penn- vania  
 sylvania \*Retzer, Fred, West Bridgewater,  
 Crouch, W. H., La Grange, Georgia Pennsylvania  
 Delbridge, George, Munhall, Pennsylv- Rickard, T. M., 2710 Walnut street  
 vania McKeesport, Pennsylvania  
 Donaldson, J. W., Hite, Pennsylvania Roberts, John.....Gerry, New York  
 Duncan, H. C., 654 Brown avenue, But- Ross, J. H., 729 Centre avenue, But-  
 ler, Pennsylvania ler, Pennsylvania  
 Fish, J. P.....Hite, Pennsylvania Satterfield, O., Fairmont, West Vir-  
 Fish, S. L.....Hite, " ginia  
 Flocker, Miller, Vanport, " Sellers, F. B., 714 Walker avenue, But-  
 Grafton, W. F., Chester, West Vir- ler, Pennsylvania  
 ginia Shaner, R. E., Haydentown, Pennsylv-  
 Grover, Jedidiah, Homer City, Penn- vania  
 sylvania Simons, Albert, Bailey avenue, Pitts-  
 Hampton, P. B., Gainesville, Georgia burg, Pennsylvania  
 \*Harford, E. E., Uniontown, Pennsylv- Singleton, T. C., Russellton, Pennsylv-  
 vania vania  
 Hawkins, T. H., Enterprise, West Vir- Smith, S. K., New Brighton, Pennsylv-  
 ginia vania  
 \*King, J. C., Uniontown, Pennsylvania \*Southworth, L. A., New Kensington,  
 †Kolb, Edward, 80 Ruth street, Pitts- Pennsylvania  
 burg, Pennsylvania Stout, Nathan, 117 Ravine street, East  
 †Lambert, G. B., 706 Fairview avenue, Liverpool, Ohio  
 Butler, Pennsylvania Talford, William, Swissdale, Pennsylv-  
 McCleary, T. D., 527 Avery street, vania  
 North Side, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania Tyler, William.....Macon, Georgia  
 Mack, W. S., Blackadore avenue E. E., VanGilder, F. L., Catawba, West Vir-  
 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania ginia, F. D. 1  
 McCready, William, 24 Sycamore street, Wakefield, Isaac, 715 Fallowfield ave-  
 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania nue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania  
 Morgan, Brooks, Hendricks, West Vir- Withrow, Oscar.....Atlanta, Georgia  
 ginia Withrow, William....Atlanta, Georgia

\*Local deacon.

†Local elder. .



## EVANGELISTS

- ‡Adair, Rosella E., Hookstown, R. F. D., No. 2, Pennsylvania  
 Arnold, Jennie, Hollywood, Georgia  
 ‡Baldwin, Etta, Wellsburg, West Virginia  
 Beeson, Mary A., Hollywood, Georgia  
 Bergman, Elizabeth, Callery, Pennsylvania  
 Blossom, Laura, Morgantown, West Virginia  
 Boettner, Jennie, Avonmore, Pennsylvania  
 Boger, Ella, 8 Katherine street, Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
 Carlisle, Lizzie, 348 Georgia avenue, Atlanta, Georgia  
 Conkle, Mrs. Stella, Chester, West Virginia  
 Dawson, Cora, 543 Maple avenue, Grafton, West Virginia  
 Duffy, Frances M., Wellsburg, West Virginia  
 Foy, Clara R., 401 Church street, Indiana, Pennsylvania  
 Garrow, Mrs. May, 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia  
 Gornall, Mrs. Phoebe, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania  
 Grace, Lydia A., 649 Brown avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania  
 Griffies, Laura, .....Aberleen, Texas  
 Hamilton, Miss Alla, Blairsville, Pennsylvania  
 ‡Howard, Mrs. Sarah, Chester, West Virginia  
 Jackson, Georgia, 24 Sycamore street, S. S., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
 Juhlin, Alfreda, Atlanta, Georgia  
 ‡Lamb, Laura, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania  
 ‡Leonard, Mary Elliott, Vanport, Pennsylvania  
 ‡Miller, Alma L., Hendricks, West Virginia  
 Mowry, Mary K., .....Atwater, Ohio  
 Rose, Edna, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania  
 ‡Rose, Lucia, New Brighton, Pennsylvania  
 Rose, Mary, 310 Patterson avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania  
 Shelbamer, Julia A., Hollywood, Atlanta, Georgia  
 ‡Shirer, Ida M., 490 Connecticut avenue, Rochester, Pennsylvania  
 Smith, Bertha B., 259 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia  
 ‡Southworth, Lena, 420 Ninth street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania  
 Spears, Malinda, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania  
 ‡Spiker, Cora M., Tarentum, Pennsylvania  
 ‡Stamp, Mrs. Blanche E., 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois  
 ‡Stewart, Elizabeth, Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania  
 Ullom, Rosalette, Morgantown, West Virginia  
 VanGilder, Ada, Grafton, R. F. D. No. 3, West Virginia  
 VanGilder, Bessie, Catawba, R. F. D. No. 1, West Virginia  
 VanGilder, Orrie, Catawba, R. F. D. No. 1, West Virginia  
 Wayne, Frances E., East Liverpool, Ohio  
 ‡Young, Eva, Smithton, Pennsylvania  
 Young, Tahlulah, 259 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia

## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church, Jeannette, Pennsylvania, September 30 to October 3, 1908. Six sittings were held, one on Wednesday, one on Thursday, one on Friday and three on Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: Rev. W. L. McClure, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. A. B. Conrad, of the Baptist church, and Rev. A. Iveson, of the Primitive Methodist church of Jeannette. Also Rev. L. D. Perkins, who was present to represent the interests of Gerry Orphanage and Home, and Rev. Henry Lenz, of the Illinois conference, who was present in the interest of the Publishing House. Mrs. Rebecca Sellev was invited to an honorary seat.

‡Conference evangelist.

All were very glad again to greet Bishop Sellew whose membership is in this conference. He presided in an able and genial manner. His preaching was in the power of the Spirit and all were much strengthened. We were sorry that Brother Hart was unable to be with us according to the plans of the bishops for holding the conferences. We pray that God will bless him with renewed strength and that we may see his face in our midst once more.

Four of our faithful women evangelists whose labors God has blessed for many years had the privilege for the first time of occupying seats in the conference in the capacity of ministers of the gospel. They acquitted themselves well.

The conference voted to have a holiness convention at New Brighton some time during the latter part of May, 1909, and the district elders and the pastor in charge were made a committee to make all necessary preparations.

The district elder and preachers were advised to be mindful of the temporal interests of Brother C. H. Miller, district elder on the West Virginia district. A liberal offering was raised for Brother Hodge to apply on the church which he is building in Atlanta, Georgia. The West Virginia and Georgia districts are offsprings of this conference.

A. D. Zahniser, district elder of the district on which the conference was held, and E. M. Adair, the pastor in charge at Jeannette, were abundant in labors in looking after the interests of the conference. Despite many difficulties they did remarkably well and deserve commendation.

The conference made a marked impression for good in Jeannette. On Sabbath afternoon the Baptist and Presbyterian ministers were present and made eulogistic remarks in the course of which they gave expression to some radical utterances. The Baptist minister said that his people take the water route, but the Free Methodists believe in the fire which he declared was more important. He said that at the close of his church service in the morning his people told him he had not preached so well for a long time. He replied: "I've been attending the Free Methodist conference." The Presbyterian minister observed that the members of the conference did not walk on the streets with cigars in their mouths, that they require their preachers to live holy lives and that "black sheep" are not permitted to remain in the church. He said he profoundly believed we have a right to shout. There was some shouting that will be remembered.

On the Sabbath several pulpits were filled by ministers of the conference. During the conference several services of a special character were held with gratifying success. The services in the interest of Providence Mission and Rescue Home was especially touching and impressive. The preaching services throughout the conference were attended with much of the divine blessing. Many presented themselves at the altar.

The appointments were received philosophically and they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$603.20.

BISHOPS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$271.44.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$226.20.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$226.20.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$150.80.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$75.40.

EVANGELISTS' FUND—Recommended and paid, \$75.40.

Bills Receivable—J. Barnhart, note payable on demand, \$123.48; conference tent committee, note payable on demand, \$150.00. These notes are for loans from the Evangelists' Fund.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Bible says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." While some truths are self-evident, and as such are quickly seen and acknowledged by all yet, by the wisdom of God, revelation is given to us in such shape that to know all the will of God concerning us requires constant study. We must study providence, the lives of the most saintly of our acquaintances, our own constitution but most of all God's mind as revealed to us in the Bible, the leading of the Holy Spirit and spiritual books and periodicals. We are convinced that one great cause of vacillation in religious experience may be found in a lack of study. The lawyer must study to keep abreast of the times, the physician must study to keep abreast of the ever advancing knowledge of medicine, and the Christian, but above all the minister of the gospel, if he would be approved of God and able to teach others also must delve deeply into the unfathomable glories of the scriptures and experience. A lack of this will cause a lack of power to edify the church of God.

We regret that there are some persons who are more diligent in reading the daily papers than they are in studying the word of God. We do not wonder that such persons always stay on the surface of grace.

In the language of our committee of last year we would say, "Since this can be said to be an age of corrupt literature as well as that intended to do good, should we not be as diligent in disseminating light and truth as are the advocates of Mormonism, Millennial Dawn-ism, and such like, in the dissemination of their pernicious doctrines?" We would recommend that our preachers heed the disciplinary advice and see that their members are well supplied with good books.

### II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The public school educates the mind; the Sunday-school educates the conscience. The future of Free Methodism differs from the past in that we now look to our own Sunday-schools for preachers, teachers, missionaries, temperance workers and the future pillars of our church. We have been and even now are reaping the results of neglect in Sunday-school work by losing our children to worldly churches and institutions because we have not made our Sunday-school more instructive and interesting. This can only be accomplished by trained teachers, the use of maps and charts, the cradle roll, home department, teacher training classes. All members of our church should be long to the Sunday-school.

With our twelve thousand or more Sunday-schools under officers and teachers who are the most spiritual in the world, and with forty or fifty thousand scholars what a wonderful field is open to us. The Sunday-school is with us to stay; firm and deep is its hold; wonderful are its possibilities; great are the opportunities and loud is the appeal sounding out to all the churches, "Forward, all along the line."

We urge the organization of a teachers' training class on ever charge, also a cradle roll and home department, and we advise that special efforts be put forth for the conversion of the scholars.

### III.—ON REFORMS.

The mission of the Free Methodist church to spread scriptural holiness over these lands is great. Our position as a church relative to all moral reforms must be clearly defined that others may know our position. We indorse any movement that is in operation or that might be put in operation to bring about moral and religious reform. Reforms must be scriptural and we must be heroic, unselfish and God-honoring if we succeed. The home affords the greatest opportunity for laying the foundation of all reforms. The responsi-

bility of the home is great, and if the parents are true to their trust, they may send forth men and women from their fire-side with inflexible Christian character to raise high the standard of morals and bless the world.

True *sociability* is a treasure of rare value that is being lost sight of by the masses to-day. Much of the present day greeting is mechanical. The questions are often asked, "Are we as fervent as we should be? Do we call on each other as often as we should? Do we take time to shake hands, and speak words of love and sympathy? Do we visit the sick? Do we with friendly greeting make strangers feel welcome at our meetings?"

The growing disregard of the sanctity of the *Christian Sabbath* is alarming. It does not require extraordinary vision to see that if present tendencies are not stopped our Sabbath will soon be gone. As a conference we would put ourselves on record against all desecration of God's Holy Day, and urge our preachers and people to do all in their power to promote its sanctity. We deplore the extent to which the Sabbath is desecrated in the performance of manual labor, such as running trains, or street cars, milk wagons, the delivery of mail, pleasure riding and secular visiting, also the Sunday newspaper, which is the foulest copy of the week and is demoralizing in its influence.

We should maintain our position against all oath-bound *secret societies*. We believe they are one of the most deeply laid devices of the devil, and a parasite both to the church, the state and the home. Secrecy is a combined force posing as religious in character, but in reality is anti-Christian. We may not oppose organized labor as such, but we must protest against labor organizations as belonging to that class which are constantly incubating sin.

As a church we register our protest against all forms of *intemperance*, especially against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. We deplore the open saloon, and we pledge our enmity to the business, and offer our labors, our prayers, our faith and our vote to the temperance cause until this blight is driven from our fair land. We devoutly thank God for the temperance wave that is sweeping over our country and pray that it may gather power until the business is annihilated. It can then no longer be said that we as a nation are sending over a hundred thousand drunkards to hell every year besides causing seventy per cent. of the crime that is committed by the toleration of this fearful business. Let us fix our bayonets and charge and counter charge until prohibition triumphs over the dead body of this destroying monster. *Tobacco* is a useless and filthy habit. It injures both body and mind and is detrimental to spiritual life. As a church we have nothing but condemnation for the filthy practise.

Empires may crumble, kingdoms may fall, nations change, but *Roman Catholicism* is always the same. We regard it as a relentless foe to civil and religious liberty. It would arrogate to itself the control of our government, abolish our free school system and trample under foot the doctrines of the Bible. One archbishop has said, "I would as soon administer the sacrament to a dog, as to one of my communicants that would send his children to a public school." We stand opposed to all that imperils our liberties and God-given rights.

While we believe that neatness and cleanliness should be a mark of Christianity, we also believe in plain and *modest apparel* as essential to deep religious experience, and that it is an issue which should be kept before our people and insisted upon in keeping with paragraph 53 of our Discipline, which declares, "This is no time to give encouragement to superfluity of apparel." Furthermore we protest against any tendencies to worldliness in dress; as, the wearing of short sleeves, low-necked dresses, dresses of thin material which expose part of the body to the gaze of the world, the wearing ornamental buttons, pictures, gold rim glasses, tan shoes, white vests, superfluous ribbons, bows and neckties of different colors and shapes which are becoming so prominent among us. We also recommend plainness for our children. "Let us walk by the one rule." Let us give no uncertain sound for we believe nothing has ever been gained by compromise.



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PITTSBURG DISTRICT												
Pittsburg, East End.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 75	\$ 137 83	\$ 3 00	\$ 612 24	\$192	103 50	.....	1	\$ 7000	1	\$ 2000
Pittsburg, West End.....			135 68	1 10	537 43	120	83 53	47 00	1	4500	1	1500
McKeesport.....			94 77	2 50	972 70	144	98 04	5 00	1	4000	1	4000
Kittanning.....		3 46	89 60	3 45	500 00	120	83 37	24 32	1	3000	1	1600
Braddock.....			42 00	85	315 00	120	52 00	40 00	1	5000	1	4000
Smithton and Collinsburg.....				75	108 31	.....	21 50		2	3000		
Whittaker.....			45 06	75	159 91	.....	29 20	28 70	1	1500		
Verona and New Kensington.....				70		.....	35 52					
Pittsburg, Mt. Washington.....			133 29	4 10	790 03	.....	125 36	3 18	1	10000	1	
Greenwood.....			25 00	95	310 11	125	40 00	95 1		5000	1	1000
McDonald and Carnegie.....			32 41	1 20	96 35	.....	43 37	16 75	1	1600		
District Elder collection at camp meeting, etc.....							88 50					
ROCHESTER DISTRICT												
New Brighton and Beaver Falls.....	4 66	3 70	113 04	4 80	823 00	60	141 50	31 50	1	3000	1	3000
Rochester and Pleasant Valley.....			39 94	1 60	506 54	125	97 03		2	4000	1	1000
East Liverpool and Wellsville.....	2 00		125 81	1 35	622 04	.....	59 38	33 77	1	3000		
Oakland Grove.....			62 23	1 00	478 84	.....	34 00		1	2500		
Hookstown.....			43 91	1 25	377 82	.....	75 58	8 25	1	1500		
Bridgeport and Neff.....			42 57	1 85	458 05	.....	57 57	6 20	1	2500		
Monaca.....		2 00	36 91	75	126 23	.....	40 00		1	1200		
Frankfort Springs.....	1 00	1 00	1 75	70	420 00	.....	46 51	39 60		2000		
Ohioville.....			18 00	75	145 49	.....	32 41		1	2000		
Lazearville and Mingo.....			110 45	2 00	480 00	.....	55 00			1000		
Irontdale and Ekeyville.....			16 03		122 00	.....	37 81			1000		
Chester, W. Va.....			15 61		360 70	.....	48 00		1	4200		
District Elder collection at camp meeting, etc.....							58 10					
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT												
Hendricks.....		75	16 50		155 93	72	15 84		1	900	1	1000
Naln.....			4 17		75 75	.....	15 46	3 00	1	500		
Enterprise.....				15	36 72	.....						
Morgantown and Beulah.....			16 10	60	216 36	60	21 79	5 00	2	1800		
Catawba, Fairmont, Mt. Sharon.....			38 02	1 30	172 00	.....	73 33	40 00	2	2200		
McConkey and Samaria.....			2 35	55	18 32	.....		45 2	2	1800		
GREENSBURG DISTRICT												
Fairchance.....	1 00		92 00	3 25	582 00	.....	110 00	13 00	1	1700	1	1500
Coyle Run, Cool Spring, etc.....			25 00	1 55	479 33	.....	80 31	1 55	3	2500	1	500
Blairsville.....	1 50	1 00	25 00	1 25	400 93	.....	72 50	72 50	1	2000	1	2500
Indiana.....		1 00	23 42	85	368 47	100	70 00		1	1500	1	2000
Bridgeport.....			28 00	55	205 64	.....	45 00	51 56				
Belle Vernon and Sunnyside.....			2 67	35	65 83	.....	13 92		2	1500		
Bolivar and Armagh.....			11 50	60	129 06	.....	20 21	5 02	1	1000		
Black Lick and Home City.....			17 00	55	287 35	.....	41 08	3 65	1	1500		
Arona.....			19 22	75	235 69	.....	61 12		1	1800	1	1200
Mt. Pleasant, New Haven, etc.....			12 22	45	88 40	.....	45 30	16 45				
Uniontown.....			27 64	1 40	208 61	.....	35 00	1 40	1	800		
Glendale.....			48 95		341 25	.....	61 35	42 02	1	2000		
Jeannette and Greensburg.....												
District Elder collection at camp meeting.....							45 00					
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT												
Butler.....	7 30		221 87	4 50	751 84	.....	135 74	50 00	1	2600	1	2400
Vandergrift Heights.....			109 81	3 00	740 00	.....	145 13	50 00	1	5000	1	2300
Tarentine and Birdville.....	25	2 25	120 79	2 80	919 00	.....	161 96	71 00	2	11600		
Avonmore and Perrysville.....		2 87	59 69	1 55	468 55	.....	51 85	1 55	1	1600		
Leechburg and Bagdad.....			44 96	1 10	317 29	100	41 82	1 10	2	2500	1	1600
Hite.....			38 72	1 20	550 00	60	89 75	6 50	1	3000	1	1600
Apollo.....			63 43	2 10	360 00	.....	69 03	7 63				
Mars and Gallery.....			11 44		101 88	.....	16 55	18 00	1	1600		
District Elder collection at camp meeting.....							65 00					
ATLANTA (GA.) DISTRICT												
Atlanta.....			43 00	2 90	360 00	.....	65 00	57 50	1	3250		
Rockmart.....				45	40 00	.....	15 00		1	2500		
Marietta.....				20		.....						
Gainesville.....			10 36	80	146 02	.....	6 00		1	600		
Conference claims deficit raised at conference.....												
Total.....	\$10 41	\$27 08	\$2526 69	\$70 25	\$1794 05	\$399	\$3221 42	\$ 804 10 55	\$ 127350 19	\$34400		



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

PITTSBURG, ROCHESTER AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Mission Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
PITTSBURG DISTRICT																		
J. B. Easton, District Elder																		
Pittsburg, East End.....	J. N. McKim.....	57	7	64	2	1	14	110	16	24 00%	10 80%	9 00%	9 00%	6 00%	6 00%	12 13	463 55	48 87
Pittsburg, West End.....	Ellis L. Garrow.....	27	3	30	2	1	10	35	8	8 80	3 96	3 90	3 90	2 20	2 20	170 94	170 94	26 23
Wickesport.....	J. N. Grace.....	46	10	56	2	1	16	100	8	20 00	9 00	7 50	7 50	6 00	6 00	28 23	60 00	60 00
Brantford.....	J. W. McClelland.....	19	1	20	1	1	3	8	2	6 00	2 70	2 10	2 10	1 50	1 50	14 88	359 00	359 00
Smithton and Collinsburg.....	Thos. W. McGee.....	14	1	15	1	1	7	60	2	6 00	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	1 50	725 00	725 00	725 00
Whitaker.....	Sarah Howard, supply.....	9	1	10	1	1	13	100	20	32 80	14 76	12 30	12 30	8 20	8 20	725 00	725 00	725 00
Verona and New Kensington.....	J. B. Easton.....	16	4	20	1	1	6	20	3	7 60	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	1 90	725 00	725 00	725 00
Pittsburg, Mt. Washington.....	R. H. Bentley.....	20	20	1	1	1	6	20	3	9 60	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	2 40	725 00	725 00	725 00
Glenwood.....	B. H. Bentley.....	16	4	20	1	1	6	20	3	7 60	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	1 90	725 00	725 00	725 00
McDonald and Carnegie.....	J. B. Easton.....	383	38	401	2	2	23	173	17	38 40	16 48	14 40	14 40	9 60	9 60	466 18	251 62	251 62
ROCHESTER DISTRICT																		
New Brighton and Beaver Falls.....	D. W. Rose.....	114	23	137	2	1	18	94	9	10 80	4 96	4 05	4 05	2 70	2 70	87 50	29 88	29 88
Rochester, Pleasant Valley.....	W. G. Baldwin.....	45	6	51	1	1	13	94	9	10 80	4 96	4 05	4 05	2 70	2 70	87 50	29 88	29 88
East Liverpool and Wellsville.....	W. G. Baldwin.....	45	6	51	1	1	13	94	9	10 80	4 96	4 05	4 05	2 70	2 70	87 50	29 88	29 88
Oakland Grove.....	Oliver Alkerson.....	28	7	35	1	1	10	80	4	18 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	87 50	29 88	29 88
Hookstown.....	Edwin R. Smith.....	31	2	33	1	1	10	80	4	18 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	87 50	29 88	29 88
Bridgeport and Nef.....	J. W. McIntosh.....	33	3	36	2	2	10	65	2	6 00	2 75	2 25	2 25	1 50	1 50	29 71	29 71	29 71
Monaca.....	J. G. Schirer.....	21	17	38	2	2	10	65	2	6 00	2 75	2 25	2 25	1 50	1 50	29 71	29 71	29 71
Frankfort Springs.....	Rosella E. Adair, supply.....	14	3	17	1	1	7	20	12	5 60	2 62	2 10	2 10	1 40	1 40	10 00	10 00	10 00
Chioville.....	Elizabeth Stewart, supply.....	14	3	17	1	1	7	20	12	5 60	2 62	2 10	2 10	1 40	1 40	10 00	10 00	10 00
Lazearville and Mingo.....	Thomas R. Wayne.....	40	5	45	2	1	11	87	10	16 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	117 33	117 33	117 33
Irondale and Ekeyville.....	W. R. McCready.....	17	1	18	1	1	5	20	1	4 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 20	21 57	21 57	21 57
Chester, W. Va.....	Albert F. Faust.....	17	2	19	1	1	5	20	2	10 40	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	2 60	28 36	28 36	28 36
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT																		
C. H. Miller, District Elder																		
Hendricks.....	C. H. Miller.....	403	88	491	2	2	23	173	17	38 40	16 48	14 40	14 40	9 60	9 60	466 18	251 62	251 62
Nain.....	Addie Van Gilder, supply.....	7	1	8	1	1	5	25	4	4 40	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 10	5 75	5 75	5 75
Enterprise.....	C. H. Miller.....	5	5	11	1	1	6	27	1	1 20	54	46	46	30	30	1 80	1 80	1 80
Morgantown and Beulah.....	C. H. Miller.....	12	11	23	1	2	19	72	1	4 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 20	1 80	1 80	1 80
Catawba, Fairmont, Mt. Sharon.....	Brooke Morgan.....	35	9	44	3	3	11	131	8	10 40	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	2 60	7 00	7 00	7 00
McDonkey and Samaria.....	L. N. Campbell.....	11	1	12	1	1	5	56	4	4 40	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 10	7 00	7 00	7 00
	F. L. Van Gilder.....	76	25	102	2	2	23	173	17	38 40	16 48	14 40	14 40	9 60	9 60	466 18	251 62	251 62

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE  
GREENBURG, ALLEGHENY AND ATLANTA (GA.) DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions
GREENSBURG DISTRICT	A. D. Zahniser, District Elder																	
	J. H. Whitman	58	5	63	1	1	10	150	5	26 00	11 70	9 75	9 75	9 75	6 50			73 95
	Cove Run, Oool Spring, Brownsville	33	5	38	1	1	18	40	1	12 80	5 60	4 65	4 65	4 65	3 10			27 60
	Blairsville	25	4	29	1	2	6	40	5	10 00	4 60	3 75	3 75	3 75	2 50			69 21
	Indiana	19	5	24	1	1	7	20	5	6 80	3 06	2 55	2 55	2 55	1 70			56 00
	Bridgeport	20	20	40	1	1	2	80	4	4 40	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 65	1 10			
	Belle Vernon and Sunnyside	13	4	17	1	1	7	18	4	2 40	1 38	1 05	1 05	1 05	1 10			
	Bolivar and Armagh	13	4	17	1	1	6	31	2	2 40	1 26	1 05	1 05	1 05	1 20			46 36
	Black Lick and Homer City	12	1	13	1	1	5	30	3	4 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	1 20			18 32
	Arona	12	1	13	1	1	6	22	1	4 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	1 20			18 32
	Mt. Pleasant, New Haven, Ruffdale	12	1	13	1	1	6	22	1	4 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	1 20			18 32
	Glendon	9	1	10	3	1	3	20	3	3 60	1 62	1 35	1 35	1 35	1 50			111 04
	Glendon	24	1	24	1	1	10	70	4	11 20	5 04	4 30	4 30	4 30	2 80			35 18
	Jeanette and Greensburg	23	5	28	1	1	6	48	4	9 60	4 32	3 60	3 60	3 60	2 60			6 26
	J. F. Silver, District Elder	269	77	346														
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT	W. W. Spiker	95	9	104	6	2	2	18	260	20	36 00	16 20	13 60	13 60	9 00			611 00
	O. Gornall	54	2	56	1	1	21	136	25	24 40	10 80	9 00	9 00	9 00	6 00			342 50
	H. L. Speer	63	4	67	1	2	19	112	7	22 40	10 80	8 40	8 40	8 40	6 00			136 45
	W. W. Schroeder	30	4	34	1	1	12	60	5	18 80	8 80	7 20	7 20	7 20	5 00			86 77
	Leechburg and Bagdad	19	3	22	1	1	3	12	110	2	9 60	4 30	3 60	3 60	2 40			80 76
	Harry H. Orlayon	23	3	26	1	1	3	12	110	2	9 60	4 30	3 60	3 60	2 40			80 76
	Apello	41	9	50	1	1	9	95	6	16 80	7 66	6 30	6 30	6 30	4 20			40 00
	L. O. Andre	14	2	16	1	1	8	16	3	7 20	3 24	2 70	2 70	2 70	1 80			
	J. F. Silver	344	42	386														
	E. E. Shelhamer, District Elder																	
ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT	Homer Hodge	66	10	76	7	9	1	7	30	5	23 20	10 44	8 70	8 70	5 80			63 60
	W. B. Harris	8	1	9	2	1					3 60	1 62	1 35	1 35	90			
	E. E. Shelhamer	3									6 40	2 58	2 40	2 40	1 60			
	F. E. Hampton	12																
	Conference claims deficit raised at conference	89	11	100									16 71	16 71	17 71			
Total		1544	252	1826	63	64	443	3069	301	\$ 627 40	\$ 293 01	\$ 237 34	\$ 232 50	\$ 232 50	\$ 172 01			\$ 122 14 3881 5

# ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
HARRISON, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 3, 1908.

## OFFICERS

T. H. ALLEN, *President*

MEDAH BURNAP, *Secretary*

M. L. WILKINSON, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—T. H. Allen, W. C. Bostian, N. T. Holcomb.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—M. L. Wilkinson, Eliza Witherspoon.

*To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes*—G. W. Webb.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretary.

*On the State of Work*—W. C. Bostian.

*To Audit Treasurer's Accounts*—M. L. Schooley.

*On Sunday-schools*—M. L. Schooley, G. W. Webb.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Sabbath Observance*—N. T. Holcomb, Oscar Simpson, L. S. Samuelson.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—M. L. Schooley, W. C. Bostian.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. L. Schooley, president, for three years; W. C. Bostian, secretary, for two years; Eliza Witherspoon, for one year.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

N. T. Holcomb, president, for one year; M. L. Schooley, secretary, for two years; W. C. Bostian, treasurer, for three years.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On State of the Work*—W. C. Bostian, *On Sunday-schools*—M. L. Schooley,  
*On Reforms*—M. L. Wilkinson, *On Publications*—Eliza Witherspoon.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. C. Bostian, president, Beebe, Arkansas; Eliza Witherspoon, treasurer, Harrison, Arkansas; M. L. Wilkinson, secretary, West Plains, Missouri; N. T. Holcomb, M. L. Schooley.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter, Foreign Missions, Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Claim (18 cents), Conference Missions (15 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents).

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

**PREACHERS**

W. C. Bostian,  
M. L. Schooley,

N. T. Holcomb,  
P. M. Shipley.

M. L. Wilkinson,

**DELEGATES**

Eliza Witherspoon,  
L. S. Samuelson,

G. W. Webb,  
William Smith,

Oscar Simpson,  
M. J. Sterling.

2. Who are the stationing committee? T. H. Allen, W. C. Bostian, Eliza Witherspoon.

4. Who remain on trial? M. F. Showalters, T. M. Holcomb.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? P. M. Shipley.

6. Who are the deacons? P. M. Shipley.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? N. T. Holcomb, M. L. Wilkinson.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-20. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left to the discretion of the district elders; the time as near the first Wednesday in October, 1909, as convenient for the bishops.

**APPOINTMENTS****NEVADA DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder**

Nevada.....Emma Shumate, supply  
Zodiac.....To be supplied  
Boliver.....To be supplied  
Neosho.....M. F. Showalters  
Phelps and Monett.....T. M. Holcomb  
Butler and Worland.....G. W. Webb, supply  
Carthage.....To be supplied

M. L. Schooley, member of the Nevada district quarterly conference.

**WEST PLAINS DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder**

West Plains, Mountain View and Big Apple.....To be supplied

M. L. Wilkinson, superannuated.

**HARRISON DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder**

Harrison.....Eliza Witherspoon and Ollie Dyer, supplies  
Corn and Kingsley.....P. M. Shipley  
Mammoth Springs.....To be supplied  
Newton County Mission.....F. D. Coss and wife, supplies

N. T. Holcomb, superannuated.

**BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder**

Pilonia.....Medah and Dedah Burnap, supplies  
Hot Springs.....To be supplied  
Hot Springs Mission.....J. F. Beeson and wife, supplies  
Antioch.....J. A. Shambalee, supply

W. C. Bostian, member of Beebe and Hot Springs district quarterly conference.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth annual session was held in connection with a camp-meeting, September 19-29, 1908.

Bishop Wilson T. Hogue being absent on account of severe illness, Rev. T. H. Allen, of the Oklahoma conference, whom he had appointed, presided with ability.

Five sittings were held and were characterized with harmony and dispatch.

P. M. Shipley was ordained deacon Sabbath afternoon.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the fair and able manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the conference; to the secretary and treasurer for their labor, and to the people of Harrison for their kindness and hospitality.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$22.40.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$12.00; deficiency, \$9.00.

PERMANENT FUND—\$9.00.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$17.80.

CHURCH EXTENSION—\$18.00.

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$27.00.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS' FUND—\$16.00.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
<b>FAIRPLAY AND NEVADA DIST'S.</b>												
Fairplay.....												
Nevada.....		\$ 4 50		\$ 22 75			\$ 5 25					
Zodiac.....	\$ 1 63		20				9 37					
Bolivar.....												
Neosho.....		5 79	86	85 84			24 10	\$ 1 50	1	\$ 600	1	\$ 150
Phelps and Monett.....		8 36	65	70 00			31 74	21 03				
Butler.....	\$ 2 00		10 81	30	186 50	\$ 25	27 40	4 60				
Carthage.....												
<b>W. PLAINS AND HARRISON DIST'S.</b>												
West Plains and Mountain View.....	1 00		10 50	1 50	71 63		18 19	10 67	1	750		
Mammoth Springs.....												
Harrison, Bethel, Green Forest.....				70	100 85		55 45					
<b>BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DIST'S.</b>												
Vilonia.....		16 00	2 25	125 00			48 00	11 99				
Hot Springs.....	1 25	20 04	60	52 97			24 46					
Hot Springs Mission.....			60									
Antioch Circuit.....			1 00	33 21			22 65		2	1000		
Vesta Heights.....									16	250		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 4 20</b>	<b>\$ 1 63</b>	<b>\$ 76 00</b>	<b>\$ 8 26</b>	<b>\$ 748 75</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$ 266 71</b>	<b>\$ 49 79</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 2500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

FAIRPLAY AND NEVADA, WEST PLAINS AND HARRISON AND BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICTS

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FAIRPLAY AND NEVADA DISTRICTS	W. O. Bostian, District Elder																	
	Fairplay.....		8	9	1	1	1	6	16	2	5 60	2 52		2 10	1 40			
	Wadea.....		6	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	2 80	1 26		1 06	1 90		2 10	
	Zadok.....																1 05	
	Roller.....																	
	Neesho.....		16	16	1	1	5	15	5	4 80	4 80	2 88	1 76	2 40	1 60		2 40	
	Phelps and Monett.....		25	3	28	2	1	2	9	36	4	4 40	1 98	1 10	1 10		1 65	
	Butler.....		10	1	11	2	1	6	37	3	2 40	1 08	1 90	90	60		3 10	
	Charthage.....																	
WEST PLAINS AND HARRISON DIST.	W. O. Bostian, District Elder																	
	West Plains and Mountain View.....		12	2	14	1	1	3	14	6	12 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00			
	Manoth Springs.....																	
	Harrison, Bethel and Green Forest.....		16	5	21	2				8	5 60	3 02	4 20	2 10	1 40			
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICTS	W. C. Bostian, District Elder																	
	Vilonia.....		35	3	38	2	1	6	145	6	5 73	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 50		6 75	
	Hot Springs.....		12	4	16	1	1	8	33	1	4 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00		1 50	
	Hot Springs Mission.....											2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20			
	Knobloch, Ark.....		38	1	39	2	2	12	100	4	12 00	3 69		4 50	2 61			
	Vista Heights.....		5	3	8	1	1	6	12									
Total.....		183	23	206	9	7	11	61	407	38	64 13	33 79	23 06	27 60	18 21		\$ 21 55	

# NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT MINOT,  
NORTH DAKOTA, OCTOBER 7-10, 1908.

## OFFICERS

FRANK H. ASHCRAFT, *President*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Secretary*

J. H. WILSON, *Assistant Secretary*

O. E. McCracken, *Statistical Secretary*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Treasurer*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Sabbath-school Secretary*.

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Frank H. Ashcraft, W. S. Ballenger, V. D. Poole.

*On Publications*—V. D. Poole, John Dynes, George Klein.

*On Education*—J. H. Wilson, O. E. McCracken.

*On Reforms*—George Klein, H. G. Bachman.

*On the State of the Work*—W. S. Ballenger, John Dynes.

*On Sabbath-schools*—John Moran, J. P. Gill, O. E. McCracken.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—O. E. McCracken, Mrs. M. M. Wood.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—D. B. Weintz.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Frank H. Ashcraft, W. S. Ballenger, J. H. Wilson, John Dynes and J. P. Gill.

*On Memoirs*—J. H. Wilson, Mrs. M. M. Wood, John Moran.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. S. Ballenger, president; George Klein, secretary; John Dynes, treasurer; J. H. Wilson, O. E. McCracken.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

O. E. McCracken, time expires in 1911; W. S. Ballenger, time expires in 1910;  
J. H. Wilson, time expires in 1909.

## CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

W. S. Ballenger, president; J. H. Wilson, secretary; John Dynes, treasurer;  
John Moran, C. F. Klein.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Publications*—O. E. McCracken,      *On State of the Work*—W. S. Ballenger,

*On Reforms*—John Moran,      *On Education*—J. H. Wilson,

*On Sabbath-schools*—George Klein.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Home Missions; third quarter, Bishops' Claim, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. S. Ballenger, time expires 1911; W. W. Bemis, time expires 1911; J. H. Wilson, 1909; John Dynes, 1909; John Moran, 1910.

**OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

President, Mrs. Annie N. Warren, Mayville, North Dakota; first vice-president, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, Jamestown, North Dakota, box 352; second vice-president, Mrs. Lillian Poole, Wilton, North Dakota; corresponding secretary, Miss Iva L. Rice, Minot, North Dakota; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Northup, Jamestown, North Dakota; recording secretary, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

**PREACHERS**

W. S. Ballenger,	F. A. Reeves,	John Moran,
O. E. McCracken,	J. H. Wilson,	George Klein,
H. G. Bachman,	V. D. Poole,	C. F. Klein,

**DELEGATES**

Mrs. Sarah Northup,	Mrs. M. M. Wood,	John McKay,
J. P. Gill,	D. B. Weintz,	John Dynes,
Thomas Thorson.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Frank H. Ashcraft, W. S. Ballenger, John Dynes.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. F. Klein.

6. Who are the deacons? V. D. Poole, C. F. Klein.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? George Klein.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves.

11-13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? F. A. Reeves, \$25.00.

22-23. See statistics.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Gardner, North Dakota, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1909, as is consistent with the plans of the bishops.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The recent session of the North Dakota annual conference was considered the best, at least, in recent years. It was truly a spiritual, harmonious gathering which indicates aggressiveness and spirituality in her borders.

Rev. F. H. Ashcraft presided over the conference by appointment of Bishop Walter A. Sellew. His labors and presence were much appreciated, as were

those of Rev. O. L. King, Sisters Steer and Lawrence from the Western Canada conference, and Rev. J. W. Whiteside of the South Dakota conference.

The business was dispatched without a jar. The appointments were received, without exception, as from the Lord.

A number sought the Lord for pardon or purity, and nearly all received what they sought.

Money and subscriptions for the work of the Lord were received at this gathering amounting to \$629.87.

## APPOINTMENTS

FARGO DISTRICT—W. S. BALLENGER, District Elder, Jamestown, Box 352, North Dakota

Fargo.....O. E. McCracken, 1410 First avenue, South Fargo, North Dakota  
 Gardner.....J. H. Wilson, Gardner, "  
 Grand Prairie.....George T. Klein, Valley City, "  
 Jamestown...Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, supply, Jamestown, Box 352, "  
 Glenfield and Courtenay.....Ora E. Edwards, supply, Courtenay, "  
 Larimore, Mayville and Crary.....H. G. Bachman, Larimore, "

W. S. Ballenger, member of the Fargo district quarterly conference.

MINOT DISTRICT—W. S. BALLENGER, District Elder

Minot.....Iva L. Rice, supply, Minot, North Dakota  
 Deering.....F. C. Klein, Deering, "  
 Tagus.....D. B. Weintz, supply, Tagus, "  
 Wilton and McKlusky.....Verne D. Poole, Wilton, "  
 Spring, Brook and Angie.....To be supplied  
 McKenzie County.....John Moran, Charlson, North Dakota  
 Morton County.....W. B. Haven, supply, Flasher, "  
 Sidney, Montana.....To be supplied

F. A. Reeves, superannuated, Moffitt, North Dakota.

## CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, Jamestown, Box 352, North Dakota.

## DISTRICT EVANGELISTS

Iva L. Rice.....Minot, North Dakota    Mrs. E. M. Reid, Jamestown, North  
 Mrs. Rosa Bachman, Larimore, North    Dakota  
 Dakota                                                Mrs. Ella Klein, Valley City, North  
                                                                                              Dakota

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned, \$21.90; paid, \$21.90.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$26.28; paid, \$26.28.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$58.40; paid, \$58.40.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$7.30; paid, \$7.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned, \$14.60; paid, \$14.60.

Total for 146 members—Apportioned, \$128.48; paid, \$128.48.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$11.50.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$1.00.

INDIA ORPHAN FUND—\$75.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$22.00.

W. F. M. S.—\$654.98.

TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE OF ENTERTAINMENT OF THE CONFERENCE—\$51.86.  
HOME MISSIONS—\$288.00.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY—\$162.00.

FOR RESIDENT PASTOR—\$11.51; SECRETARIES, \$6.41; F. A. REEVES, \$3.83.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We feel devoutly thankful to Almighty God for the manifold mercies he has bestowed upon us during the past year. Truly his mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him. We thank the Lord we have been spared to meet in another annual session.

The presence of the Lord has been with us all the year. We have had many precious seasons of the outpouring of his Spirit. Many scenes which have made our hearts rejoice.

But along with the sweet we have had the bitter. We have been called upon to weep with them that weep. While death has not entered the ranks of our conference, it has entered the home of one of our devoted brethren, S. R. Klein, and taken from our midst a devoted and true companion, a loving mother and a loyal member of the church. Sister Klein's relation to the church was that of a conference evangelist. She served with acceptability the Glenfield and Crary circuits. She was returning from her third quarterly meeting from the latter circuit when she was taken so suddenly from labor to rest. The bereaved ones have our sympathy and prayers.

Our work as a whole is very encouraging. There have been one tent and two camp-meetings held, besides the special meetings held on the circuits, all of which resulted in the salvation of souls. The records will show a small increase in members and probationers.

Our work in the western part of the state is very promising. There are many openings for our work. Golden opportunities which should be improved. Numerous calls have come to us during the year for meetings which had to be left unanswered for lack of means with which to reach these open doors. To our mind the western part of the state holds the key to the success of our conference and church. If we fail to improve these golden opportunities that are now opening to us, others will and we shall be the losers and our work suffer as it is now in many places for the want of prosecuting the work when opportunity afforded. We believe the most favorable time has come for us to spread our work in the west and therefore would recommend that a home missionary meeting be held at every district meeting and at every camp-meeting, and on every circuit during the year, and the needs of the work set before the people and collections and subscriptions taken to aid in this important work. We trust the importance of this great need will be impressed on the hearts of our people.

We, as a conference, have been sending out a large sum of money every year for various purposes, while THE WORK WITHIN OUR BORDERS is suffering for the want of means. We consider this course suicidal to the progress and the upbuilding of our work. Financially we are holding our own. While we have had many things to encourage us we also have had enough to keep us in remembrance of the fact we need the help of him that is mighty to save and strong to deliver.

### II.—EDUCATION.

The word education comes from two Latin words meaning, "to lead out." Hence, in its application to a human being, it would imply "being led" into those truths of his environment which would promote his greatest good through his existence.

Man is a compound being, possessing a physical, mental and moral nature; and, in order to be at his best, all these attributes of his nature need to



be "led out" into a knowledge of those truths respecting them. That education which develops one or two of them, to the neglect or disadvantage of the others is manifestly defective. Education should be such as would result in a symmetrical character, well rounded out on all sides.

Formerly the education of the youth was almost entirely mental. Later the physical was added to the curriculum. But to this very day, in the ordinary schools, and institutions of higher learning, the spiritual is sadly neglected; or worse still, no attention paid to it. Generally this part is left to the youthful seekers after knowledge to arrange for themselves at their own option. And so the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., etc., have been organized by students, and too frequently without older and more experienced minds to guide them.

What would be said of an institution of learning which would leave the selection of text books and the teaching them to the pupils themselves? Or even one preparing to be an athlete either to train himself or have others seeking the same accomplishment to guide him?

But in the educational systems seekers after spiritual light are left very greatly to their own endeavors; or if he is aided by teachers, they are doubters, instead of being Christians, who are and have been in the light of God. What wonder then if spirituality as an attribute of man's nature should be lost sight of, or at best, lightly considered?

From these considerations, does not the need of Christian schools, pre-empted over, and taught by earnest Christian instructors, seem imperative? Most assuredly if the spiritual part of man is to be led out into the knowledge of those spiritual entities which God, in creatures, has empowered his creatures to grasp.

Feeling this great need the Free Methodist church, though few in numbers and poor, compared with the older, richer and larger religious organizations, have, at great sacrifice, built up Greenville College, and seven seminaries, in order to provide instruction in spiritual things along with instruction in a mental and physical way.

So long as our schools lead on in this matter, they are much needed and will prove a great blessing. Without this, the field is already occupied by older, better equipped and better financed educational institutions. But so far our schools have done good work. And there is yet a great field of usefulness before them. But they need support. A number of them need better buildings and equipment. All of them need endowment—and they need our young people to train for God.

The school—Wessington Springs seminary—with which we are more intimately associated than any other, is, at this time, in process of being rebuilt, having been burned out.

We sympathize with the people there in the loss sustained, and we are pleased to have with us Rev. J. W. Whiteside, the financial agent for this seminary, and we recommend that time be given after the reading of this report to present the condition and needs of the school. Finally we desire to place ourselves on record as highly favoring thorough Christian education.

### III.—ON REFORMS.

Our mission as a church, is to spread scriptural holiness over these lands. Although reformation is not salvation, yet in salvation reformation is included.

Our position in the past has been one of sympathy and encouragement to all true reforms and it should continue thus. In this Laodicean age of lukewarmness and indifference it is no time for us to become indifferent to the sin and evil around us; but as the word tells us, we should "lift up our voice like a trumpet and declare unto his people their transgressions."

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—It is with hearts of thankfulness we see the advancement that is being made along prohibition lines. We still, as in the past, pledge our support both by practise and precept in opposition to the liquor traffic with all its attendant evils.

**THE SABBATH.**—It is with sadness we observe the growing disregard for the sanctity of the Sabbath. We would utter our protest against all forms of Sabbath desecration, such as the running of harvesters and threshing machines, baseball playing, Sunday visiting, hunting, fishing and all other forms of pleasure. We would also urge all our people to be more regular and punctual in attendance of the Sabbath services. Do not allow trivial excuses to keep you from the house of God.

**DRESS.**—God's word has not changed in regard to our apparel. He tells us, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel." How sad to see those who once were examples of plainness, now putting on, many times just enough to take off the reproach. Many of our Free Methodist parents who are "not conformed to the world" in this respect yet, allow their children to dress as the world and their proud hearts dictate. Can we consider ourselves guiltless in this respect when God's word tells us to "train up a child in the way he should go?" The prevailing fashion of low-neck dresses and short sleeves has no sympathy from us, neither as being in harmony with modesty nor the word of God.

**EVIL SPEAKING.**—This is an evil that should be spurned by all. God's word plainly tells us to "speak evil of no man." This command is many times violated both by the ministry and laity. We should have our hearts so filled with the love of God that there will be no room for feelings toward any, other than love. Anything short of this is not salvation.

What we need is that "love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost" that will not only keep us from "speaking evil one of another," but will cause us to give no encouragement in others by listening to it without reproving it.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>FARGO AND MINOT DISTRICT</b>							\$ 50 00					
Fargo.....			\$ 15 00		\$ 65 00		29 00					
Gardner.....	\$ 8 75		22 00	\$ 1 20	594 90		113 21		1	1500	1	1000
Grand Prairie.....			14 58	75	680 91		102 10		1	1500	1	500
Jamestown.....			18 05		210 83		38 09	\$ 30 10	1	800	1	700
Courtney and Pleasant Valley...			7 18	85	478 50		95 60		2	2200	1	600
Bismark and Milton.....			12 00	85	51 00		57 00	18 00				
Larimore and Mayville.....			27 05		170 00		57 25		1	750	1	750
Deering and Minot.....	\$ 1 00	2 75	22 88	65	427 14		79 29	99 54	1	600		
Tagus.....				35			20 00					
Crary.....			25 00	50	70 25			40 05			1	800
Spring Brook.....				30			37 83					
Sidney (Montana).....												
McKenzie County.....												
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 1 00</b>	<b>\$11 50</b>	<b>\$ 163 39</b>	<b>\$ 7 30</b>	<b>\$2708 54</b>		<b>\$734 36</b>	<b>\$ 187 73</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7350</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$3450</b>

\* Received \$50.00 General Missions, † \$20.00 General Missions.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

## FARGO AND MINOT DISTRICT

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionaries
FARGO AND MINOT DISTRICT	W. S. Ballinger, Dist. Elder																	
Fargo.....	Supplied.....	9	8	17	6	1	1	3	20	2	1 60	80		\$	60	40		\$ 81 50
Gardner.....	J. H. Wilson.....	27	14	41	1	1	1	7	40	9	9 60	4 32	\$ 3 88	3 60	2 40			54 40
Grand Prairie.....	George T. Klein.....	14	13	27	1	1	1	6	30	3	6 00	2 70		2 25	1 60		\$ 38 00	100
Jamestown.....	Mrs. Ballenger, supply.....	13	13	26	2	1	1	4	25	6	6 00	2 70		2 25	1 00		12 00	
Courtney and Pleasant Valley.....	C. F. Klein.....	17	17	34	1	1	1	6	20	8	8 80	3 06		2 55	1 70			
Bismark and Milton.....	Supplied.....	17	17	34	1	1	1	6	20	3	6 80	3 06		2 55	1 70			10 00
Larimore and Mayville.....	H. G. Bachman.....	10	10	20	1	1	1	4	15	4	4 40	1 98		1 65	1 10			174 75
Deering and Minot.....	V. D. Poole, E. Schuler, supplies.....	22	12	34	1	2	10	45	7	5 20	2 34	2 34		1 95	1 30		52 85	
Deer Creek.....	Supplied.....	7	7	14	1	1	2	10	45	1	2 80	1 26	6 00	1 05	1 70			14 00
Gray.....	Supplied.....	12	12	24	1	2	14	60	5	4 80	2 16	2 16		1 80	1 20			
Spring Brook.....	Annie E. Klein, supply.....	7	7	14						2	2 40	1 08			60			
Sidney (Montana).....	D. B. Wentz, supply.....	7	7	14														
McKenzie County.....	Supplied.....																	
	John Moran.....																	
Total.....		165	20	175	4	5	10	63	265	49	\$ 58 40	\$ 26 28	\$ 9 88	\$ 21 90	\$ 14 60		\$ 50 00	\$242 00

# SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA, SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 3, 1908.

## OFFICERS

JOHN S. McGEARY, *President*

H. L. TORSEY, *Secretary*

J. W. WHITESIDE, *Assistant Secretary*

W. F. HARDING, *Treasurer*

B. I. HUBBARD, *Assistant Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Nominations*—T. Donoghue, J. W. Whiteside, H. L. Torsey.

*On Public Worship*—John S. McGeary, T. Donoghue, J. W. Whiteside, H. J. Starkey.

*On Publications*—W. C. Houts, J. P. Jensen, E. B. Paddock.

*On Sunday-schools*—W. D. McMullen, Albina Greener.

*On Education*—W. A. Harden, T. Donoghue, C. W. Peters.

*On Reforms*—W. D. McMullen, B. Gaddis, S. B. Shaw.

*On State of the Work*—T. Donoghue, J. W. Whiteside.

*On Missions*—The stationing committee.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—W. C. Houts.

*To Publish the Minutes*—H. L. Torsey.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—S. B. Shaw.

*On Resolutions*—W. F. Harding.

*Conference Treasurer*—T. Donoghue.

*To Visit Wessington Springs Seminary*—S. B. Shaw, R. O'Connor.

*To Audit the Treasurer's Books*—J. W. Whiteside.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—The stationing committee.

*Sunday-school Secretary*—J. W. Whiteside.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, president; T. Donoghue, secretary; C. W. Peters, treasurer;  
H. L. Torsey, D. R. Wilson.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. Whiteside, for five years; H. L. Torsey, president, for four years; T. Donoghue, for three years; W. F. Harding, secretary, for two years; W. A. Harden, for one year.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

H. L. Torsey, president, for four years; W. D. McMullen, secretary, for three years; J. C. Keen, for two years; J. W. Whiteside, treasurer, for one year; C. W. Peters, for five years.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

H. L. Torsey, president; T. Donoghue, secretary; J. Whiteside, treasurer; J. B. Collins, J. H. Wilson, W. D. McMullen, S. Waite, R. S. Vessey, B. Y. Neal, F. L. Waters, W. F. Harding.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Reforms*—J. W. Whiteside,*On Sunday-schools*—W. A. Harden,*On Publications*—W. D. McMullen,*On State of the Work*—The district  
elders.*On Education*—T. Donoghue,

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Seminary; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Claimants; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund, Conference Missions. Send all conference claims to T. Donoghue, Wessington Springs, and the funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to Mrs. Alta Waller, Faulkton, South Dakota.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

T. Donoghue,  
B. I. Hubbard,  
W. C. Houts,  
B. Gaddis,

J. W. Whiteside,  
W. D. McMullen,  
W. A. Harden,  
S. B. Shaw.

H. L. Torsey,  
W. F. Harding,  
F. W. Drown,

## DELEGATES

August Johnson,  
C. D. Day,  
C. W. Peters,  
E. B. Paddock.

R. H. Vearrier,  
Mrs. Albina Greener,  
M. Rosengren,

L. E. Bogenrief,  
D. R. Wilson,  
J. P. Jensen.

2. Who are the stationing committee? John S. McGeary, T. Donoghue, J. W. Whiteside, D. R. Wilson, E. B. Paddock.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. W. Lockwood.

4. Who remain on trial? R. O'Connor, D. B. Waller, Henry Hendrickson, C. A. Evans.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? B. I. Hubbard.

6. Who are the deacons? B. Gaddis, B. I. Hubbard.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. F. Harding.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? B. I. Hubbard, from the Minnesota and North Iowa conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. W. Drown, D. J. Brenneman.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Forty-five dollars for Sarah Earl.



23. See statistical report.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when shall our next conference be held? The place is to be selected by the district elders; the time as near the first Wednesday in October, 1909, as will suit the plans of the bishop who is to preside.

## APPOINTMENTS

### SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder

Sioux Falls and Wall Lake.....B. Gaddis, Densie Gaddis, supply  
Beresford.....C. A. Evans  
Mt. Pleasant and Lake County.....S. B. Shaw  
Boyden, Rock Rapids and Parker.....To be supplied  
H. L. Torsey, member of Sioux Falls district quarterly conference.

### NORTH DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder

Vienna and Woodland.....J. P. Jensen, Augusta Jensen, supplies  
Ortley Circuit.....W. A. Harden  
Berton and Farnsworth.....To be supplied

### WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—T. DONOGHUE, District Elder

Wessington Springs and Lane.....W. D. McMullen  
Alpena and Forestburg.....H. J. Starkey, supply  
Mitchell and Parkston.....H. W. Lockwood  
Hand County.....Levi Patton, supply  
Olivet.....To be supplied  
Lyman County.....B. I. Hubbard

T. Donoghue, member of Wessington Springs district quarterly conference; Henry Hendrickson, teacher in Wessington Springs seminary; W. C. Houts, evangelist; J. W. Whiteside, evangelist and financial agent of Wessington Springs seminary; W. F. Harding, supernumerary.

### NORTH DISTRICT—T. DONOGHUE, District Elder

Faulkton, Liberty and Meranda.....D. B. Waller  
Hyde County and Burkmere.....R. O'Connor

## LOCAL PREACHERS

O. A. Harpel, Dunsmore, South Dakota	T. J. Richardson, Linton, North Dakota
A. P. Matson, Hayes, South Dakota	Charles Chavers, Lane, South Dakota
E. B. Paddock, Wessington Springs, South Dakota	D. R. Wilson, Beresford, South Dakota
J. C. Keen, Beresford, South Dakota	Albert Jacobson, Waubay, South Dakota
J. O. Johnson, Burkmere, South Dakota	Floyd Poole, Loyalton, South Dakota
S. J. Gilmore, Ismay, Montana	J. P. Jensen, Vienna, South Dakota

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$157.20.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$70.74.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$78.60; raised, \$111.95.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$58.95.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY—Apportioned and paid, \$39.30.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$19.65.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$21.25.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$1.98.

CHILDREN'S DAY FUND—Paid, \$5.25.

SEMINARY FUND—Paid, \$66.63.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Total of all funds, \$458.65.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON EDUCATION.

The Lord has declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The whole trend of scripture is to this effect, borne out and emphasized by history, that the enlightened and educated soul is better able to combat the powers of evil than the one who is ignorant and illiterate.

We believe in thorough education both for the laity and the ministry, but where shall they obtain it?

In the public schools, especially in those of higher grade, and in the popular centers of learning, even though they go under a religious name, are found many things that militate against spirituality and sound faith.

Worldliness, undue exaltation of physical strength, skepticism and oftentimes downright infidelity, with spiritual death everywhere. These things form a gauntlet which few can run and come through unscathed.

We rejoice in our schools which we believe God has raised up that there might be places where our young people could be trained without having to encounter the constant temptation to abandon the "narrow way," and where they could be under influence and counsel that would help to keep them in the way our fathers trod.

Among these schools we firmly believe the Lord raised up Wessington Springs seminary. Was her work done when the calamity came that swept away the building?

To merely say that we believe not is not sufficient. Our prayers, support, and consecrated means are needed as never before; that the good work our school has been doing may be continued and broadened.

We feel deeply the necessity of our schools being spiritual centers. We pray God to ever keep them from compromise and worldliness and to keep them such that the old time power may rest upon them one and all.

### II.—ON REFORMS.

We rejoice in the advanced position the Free Methodist church has taken toward the many wrongs that afflict our land and to show that as a conference we are in accord with the church respecting these things we wish to express our convictions in regard to some existing evils.

**SABBATH DESECRATION.**—The extent to which this evil is carried is well nigh appalling. God has said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." It would seem that six-sevenths of the time ought to suffice for labor and recreation, but the Sabbath is apparently fast becoming a holiday.

**DIVORCE.**—We wish to record our condemnation of the easy manner in which divorces are being secured. The statistics which show the proportion of divorces to marriages in some of the states are certainly alarming. We hope and pray for a speedy enactment of a national divorce law.

**INTEMPERANCE.**—We are devoutly thankful for the progress made in the cause of prohibition. We note with pleasure that the prohibition territory is being enlarged. Many counties in some states, and some whole states have voted out the deadly saloon. For this we thank God and take courage. While we would not speak disparagingly of any good accomplished by any other organization enlisted in this great reform, we believe the prohibition party is an imperative necessity in accomplishing the final destruction of the liquor

evil; and we wish to record our loyalty and devotion to this party and pledge it our support.

**FASHION.**—No king or czar ever ruled their subjects with greater rigor than fashion rules its devotees. It may be said that the submission to the mandates of fashion is voluntary. If so it is none the less an oppression, for health and even life itself is sacrificed at its behest. We believe the position the Free Methodist church has taken on plainness of attire is right and scriptural and should be faithfully adhered to. We realize the difficulty often experienced on the part of the sisters to secure apparel that is plain and becoming for a saint of God. More especially is this the case with millinery goods. We note with pleasure that one of the holiness colleges has a millinery department connected with their school. We hope and pray that something of this kind may prevail and become more general. In the mean time let us hold to the "old landmarks" our fathers have set, and regard the rule for conscience's sake.

**SECRETISM.**—We wish to reaffirm the position we long since took in regard to the secret lodge. The more we see of its work the stronger are our convictions that it is a great evil and militates powerfully against the genuine work of God.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
<b>SIoux FALLS DISTRICT</b>												
Sioux Falls.....			\$ 20 40	\$ 2 00	\$ 305 00	\$100	\$ 57 66	\$ 35 00	1	2000	2	\$ 3000
Beresford.....			18 75	52	204 00	100	50 00	20 00	1	2500	1	1200
Wall Lake, Mt. Pleasant, etc....	\$ 3 60	\$ 1 00	32 67	1 70	325 62	50	55 00	37 50	1	2000	1	1200
Boyden, Rock Rapids, Parker....				55			50 61		1	1200	1	1200
<b>NORTH DISTRICT</b>												
Vienna and Woodland.....	1 98	1 00	35 90	1 60	307 36	120	77 42	37 50	1	2000	1	1250
Ortley.....		3 25	25 00	1 20	213 48		45 90	33 00	1	1500		
Berton and Farnsworth.....				55			74 44					
<b>WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT</b>												
Wessington Springs.....			71 14	3 30	130 00	96	104 66	190 00			2	3000
Alpena and Forestburg.....			5 00	80	337 85	120	42 01	12 25			1	1100
Mitchell and Parkston.....					130 00	100	39 58			1200	1	800
Hand County.....			22 60	90	171 14		49 54					
Olivet.....			7 27	1 05	187 49	60	59 66	48 51	2	1100	1	550
Lyman County.....			10 00	55	46 49		32 36					
<b>NORTHWEST DISTRICT</b>												
Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty...			35 00	2 70	408 82	120	77 46	127 35	2	3000	1	1600
Hyde County.....				50			51 91					
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 5 58</b>	<b>\$ 5 25</b>	<b>\$ 283 73</b>	<b>\$17 92</b>	<b>\$2767 25</b>	<b>\$866</b>	<b>\$768 21</b>	<b>\$ 541 11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16500</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$14900</b>

\* \$35.00 of the above Home Missions.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SIOUX FALLS, NORTH, WESSINGTON SPRINGS AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT																		
T. Donoghue, District Elder																		
Sioux Falls.....	B. Gaddis, D. Gaddis, supplies..	40	3	43	1	1	1	6	35	3	16 00	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	\$ 8 15
Beresford.....	H. J. Starkey, supply.....	23	1	24	2	1	9	23	3	11 60	4 25	3 25	2 00	2 00	52	.....	.....	.....
Vall Lake, Mt. Pleasant, Lake Co.....	D. B. Waller.....	30	2	32	3	3	11	36	7	13 60	6 12	6 80	5 10	3 40	3 40	.....	.....	37 63
Boydton, Rock Rapids and Parket.....	I. Donoghue.....	9		9						4 40	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTH DISTRICT																		
T. Donoghue, District Elder																		
Vienna and Woodland.....	H. L. Torsey.....	33	1	34	1	1	7	45	10	12 80	5 75	6 40	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	6 00	.....
Oriley.....	W. A. Harden.....	18	1	19	1	1	5	30	6	8 80	3 95	4 40	3 30	2 20	2 20	.....	5 25	.....
Berton and Farnsworth.....	T. Donoghue.....	11		11					3	4 40	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	10 00	.....
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT																		
J. W. Whiteside, District Elder																		
Wessington Springs.....	J. W. Whiteside.....	54	8	62	1	2	14	82	24	26 40	11 88	13 20	9 90	9 90	6 60	.....	5 00	99 30
Alpena and Forestburg.....	C. A. Evans.....	25	1	26	2	1	7	35	5	6 40	2 88	3 20	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	16 42	40 82
Mitchell and Parkton.....	G. W. Austin, supply.....	10	1	11	1	1	3	15	3	4 40	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hand County.....	Era P. Whitton.....	21	9	30	2	1	6	30	5	7 20	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....	24 00
Olivet.....	R. O'Connor.....	16	3	19	1	1	5	15	9	8 40	3 73	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Lyman County.....	B. I. Hubbard.....	13	2	15	1	1	3	15	3	4 40	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTHWEST DISTRICT																		
J. W. Whiteside, District Elder																		
Faulkton, Burkmore and Liberty.....	W. D. McMullen.....	53	5	58	2	1	3	12	45	15	21 60	9 72	8 10	8 10	4 35	.....	8 00	105 98
Hyde County.....	J. W. Whiteside.....	11	1	12					4	4 00	1 80	2 00	1 90	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		387	38	405	13	8	115	88	405	103	154 40	68 51	71 95	55 55	35 08	.....	\$ 50 67	\$324 47

# LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT LITTLE CHICKASAW CHURCH, LOUISIANA, OCTOBER 29-31, 1908.

## OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

D. M. SMASHEY, *Secretary*

MRS. BELLE SMASHEY, *Assistant Secretary*

DAVID DAY, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—William Pearce, Frazar Scott, David Day.

*On Publications*—D. M. Smashey, J. M. Manchester.

*On Reforms*—David Day, F. H. Price.

*On Education*—D. M. Smashey, David Day.

*On Sabbath Observance*—Belle Smashey, W. D. Bradford.

*On Sunday-schools*—Duncan Short, J. B. Widden.

*On Charities*—W. B. Newman, D. W. Stephens.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—Duncan Short.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. M. Manchester, D. W. Stephens.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—David Day, D. M. Smashey, Frazar Scott, W. D. Bradford, T. H. Allen.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. M. Smashey, N. J. Roark, T. H. Price.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. M. Smashey, for two years; David Day, for one year.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Education*—D. M. Smashey,

*On Sunday-schools*—Duncan Short,

*On Reforms*—David Day,

*On Publications*—D. M. Smashey,

*On Sabbath Observance*—Mrs. Belle Smashey,

*On Charities*—W. B. Newman,

*On State of the Work*—The district elder.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The total amount is \$1.08 per member, to be taken during the first quarter.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

David Day,  
Duncan Short,  
N. J. Roark,

Frazar Scott,  
J. M. Manchester,  
T. H. Price.

D. M. Smashey,  
W. B. Newman.



**DELEGATES**

J. T. Allen,  
J. B. Widden.

D. W. Stephens,

W. D. Bradford,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, D. M. Smashey, Frazar Scott, T. H. Allen, J. B. Widden.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. W. Voight, J. W. Williams.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. B. Newman, J. M. Manchester, Duncan Short.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Delta City, Mississippi, (P. O. Catchings, Mississippi), as near the middle of October, 1909, as will be convenient for the bishop.

**APPOINTMENTS****WELCOME HOME DISTRICT—FRAZAR SCOTT, District Elder**

Welcome Home and Summerville.....David Day  
Franklin.....J. W. Williams  
Black River.....Duncan Short  
Big Island.....N. J. Roark

W. W. Voight, left without appointment to attend college; Frazar Scott, member of Welcome Home district quarterly conference.

**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT—FRAZAR SCOTT, District Elder**

Jackson.....E. E. Hollenbeck, supply  
Wesson, Hazlehurst and Beaver Dam.....Mrs. Belle Smashey, supply  
New Hope, Beasley Chapel and New Hebron.....W. B. Newman  
Gulfport Mission and McHenry.....To be supplied  
Stonefield and Sallis.....J. N. Whitetread, supply  
Oxford Mission.....J. M. Manchester  
Delta City (P. O. Catchings).....T. H. Price, supply

R. H. Dollarhide, given certificate of good standing with view to transfer;  
D. M. Smashey, conference evangelist.

**CONFERENCE EVANGELIST**

Mrs. Belle Smashey, Wesson, Mississippi

**LOCAL PREACHERS**

E. T. Tindle....Winnsboro, Louisiana	J. N. Whitehead....Sallis, Mississippi
D. W. Stephens....Gilbert,	Percy Lee.....Wesson,
J. B. Williams....Liddieville,	Thomas Price...Catchings,
S. C. Ebey.....New Era,	"

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, \$65.60; paid, \$55.60; deficit, \$10.00.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$29.52; paid, \$25.02; deficit, \$4.50.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$24.60; paid, \$20.65; deficit, \$3.95.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$24.60; paid, \$15.60; deficit, \$9.00.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$76.40; paid, \$73.30; deficit, \$3.10.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$8.20; paid, \$6.65; deficit, \$1.55.

Total assessed, \$168.92; paid, \$136.82; deficit, \$32.10.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Louisiana conference was held in the little Chickasaw church, Louisiana, October 29-31. By request of Bishop Burton R. Jones, Bishop William Pearce presided. His addresses to the conference were very helpful and instructive. His sermons were an inspiration and blessing to all.

Rev. J. P. Brodhead, of the South Africa conference, was introduced and invited to an honorary seat. He represented the publishing house, and gave a stirring address Sabbath afternoon at 2:30, on his labors in Africa which awakened considerable interest in our foreign missions. A collection was taken amounting in cash and subscriptions to \$174.53.

The Summerville circuit did itself credit by the hospitable manner in which it cared for the conference.

A collection of \$3.46 was taken for the secretaries. There was raised to publish the minutes \$13.10.

## RESOLUTION

All nature and the word of God teach order, organization and government. As in the state so in the church, anarchy is positively destructive. The Discipline of the Free Methodist church has been wisely framed and adopted with a view of bringing our people nearer to the fundamental principles of Christianity, the golden rule of Christian living; and to the developing of the highest and purest type of Christian life and character, and concentrated and systematic effort for the salvation of the lost.

WHEREAS, There is among our people in many instances an utter disregard for the requirements of our book of Discipline, and each one is a law unto himself; and

WHEREAS, There is that baneful sin of backbiting and evil speaking among our people, causing division, destroying Christian love and bringing havoc to the work of God; and

WHEREAS, Many little differences which have grown into stubborn difficulties which could have been easily settled had the word of God and the Discipline been obeyed; and

WHEREAS, There is among our people not only those who wear useless trimmings and adornments, but feathers and flowers; therefore,

*Resolved*, First, That we, the members of the Louisiana conference, depreciate and protest against such practises in a most unqualified manner;

*Resolved*, Second, That there shall be no compromising or twisting of the disciplinary requirements, and that there must not be any exempt cases, but lovingly, yet faithfully guard and enforce the Discipline.

*Resolved*, Third, That while we are catholic in spirit and detest clanishness, we also stand opposed to and will not countenance any thing that savors of free-loveism, nor come-outism; in fact, any thing that would imperil the cause of God or Free Methodism.

On motion the conference ordered this published in the conference minutes.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

## WELCOME HOME AND MISSISSIPPI DISTRICTS

CHARGE	MEMBERS	PROBATIONERS	TOTAL	LOCAL PREACHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	OFFICERS & TEACHERS	SCHOLARS	COPIES OF "FREE METHODIST" TAKEN	CONFERENCE CLAIMS	BISHOPS' SALARIES	CONFERENCE MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS	GENERAL MISSIONS CLAIMS	CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY	DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE	FOREIGN MISSIONS	WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT																
Welcome Home and Summerville...	28	9	34	3	10	110	4	17	20	15	15	2	2	10		
Franklin...	35		35	3	15	40	2	17	20	15	15	2	2	10		
Big Island...	18		18	1	3	12	3	4	40	1	1	1	1	10		
Black River...	14		14	1	1	1	1	2	40	1	1	1	1	10		
Wesson, Hazlehurst and Gailman...	13		13	1	2	12	7	5	20	2	2	2	2	10		
New Hope, Beazley Chapel, etc...	37		37	1	1	5	30	2	6	2	2	2	2	10		
Stonsfield and Sallis...	2		2						6					10		
Oxford Mission...	5		5	1	1			2	40	1	1	1	1	10		
Jackson...	4		4						1					10		
McHenry and Gulfport Mission...	7		7						1					10		
Delta City (P. O., Catchings)...	1		1						1					10		
Total...	155	22	177	9	18	35	204	21	47	20	21	38	18	40	11	80

CHARGE	EDUCATIONAL FUND	CHILDREN'S FUND	RAISED FOR SABBATH SCHOOL EXPENSES	PERMANENT FUND	PREACHERS' RECEIPTS	PARSONAGE RENT	ELDERS' RECEIPTS	EVANGELISTS' RECEIPTS	NO. OF CHURCHES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	NO. OF PARSONAGES	VALUE OF PARSONAGE PROPERTY
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT												
Welcome Home, Summerville...			23 16	1 05	121 25		96 05		2	650 00	1	1210 00
Franklin...			13 00	2 15	214 73		15 50		2	1000 00		
Big Island...				30	51 65				1	500 00		
Black River...				50	6 00				1	450 00		
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT												
Wesson, Hazlehurst, Gailman...			5 00	65	72 00				2	900 00		
New Hope, Beazley Chapel, etc...			8 00	75	213 94				3	1300 00		
Stonsfield and Sallis...												
Oxford Mission...				30	180 06		134 25					
Jackson...				20					1	300 00		
McHenry and Gulfport Mission...												
Delta City (P. O., Catchings)...												
Total...			49 16	5 90	834 62		246 80		13	4800 00		1210 00

# KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
GALLATIN, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER 22-24, 1908.

## OFFICERS

J. P. BRODHEAD, *President*  
WALKER MAYFIELD, *Secretary*      E. V. TOWNS, *Assistant Secretary*  
WALKER MAYFIELD, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—J. P. Brodhead, T. B. Adams, C. G. Heath.  
*On Publications*—J. W. W. Kelley, T. S. Wilkerson.  
*On Reforms*—E. V. Towns, J. B. Hay.  
*On Education*—C. G. Heath, J. I. Dickinson.  
*On Sunday-schools*—Hardy Simmons, James Elrod, D. H. Tickner.  
*On Ministerial Relations*—T. B. Adams, C. G. Heath, James Elrod.  
*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—James Elrod, J. B. Hay.  
*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.  
*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—E. V. Towns, R. G. Hill, J. I. Dickinson.  
*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.  
*On Complimentary Resolutions*—J. W. W. Kelley.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. W. Kelley, C. G. Heath, Walker Mayfield, J. B. Hay, T. S. Wilkerson,

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. G. Heath, three years; J. W. W. Kelley, two years; Walker Mayfield, one year.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Claim (18 cents); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), Home Mission (10 cents); fourth quarter, Superannuated Claims (45 cents).

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

T. B. Adams,  
Walker Mayfield,  
W. R. Garrison,  
H. C. Foster,

C. G. Heath,  
J. W. W. Kelley,  
F. K. Baker,  
Hardy Simmons,

H. O. Coates,  
E. V. Towns,  
A. G. Fellows,  
J. M. Keen.

## DELEGATES

R. G. Hill,  
S. E. Ruce,  
J. B. Hay,

James Ellrod,  
T. S. Wilkerson,  
C. L. Byford,

J. I. Dickinson,  
G. W. Tucker,  
C. G. Morehead.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. P. Brodhead, T. B. Adams, C. G. Heath, J. B. Hay, James Ellrod.

3. What preachers were admitted on trial? Thomas Hall, N. G. Pomeroy.

4. Who remain on trial? Nels Nordrum.

6. Who are the deacons? J. M. Keen, H. C. Foster, E. V. Towns, A. G. Fellows, Hardy Simmons.

8. Who have located this year? J. M. Keen, W. R. Garrison.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? T. B. Adams.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Nolinsville, Tennessee, as early in October as convenient for the bishop.

## MISCELLANEOUS

This session was the most spiritual and harmonious of our history. Eight souls were saved during the session.

Rev. J. P. Brodhead, presided by appointment and the brethren and friends were highly pleased in every way with his services. His delivery of the word was with much power and proved a great blessing to one and all.

The Sunday afternoon mission service was very fruitful of good. One hundred sixteen dollars was taken in cash and subscriptions.

R. G. Hill was ordained local deacon Sabbath morning.

## APPOINTMENTS

## BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Scottsville, Petroleum and Mount Carmel.....Nels Nordrum  
Bowling Green, Cassaday, Mount Zion, Kelly's Chapel, Oak Forest,

Woodbury.....Thomas Hall, Era Lee Hall, supply  
Wrightsburg, Rumsey, Ashbysburg.....H. O. Coates

J. W. W. Kelley, Walker Mayfield, evangelists; W. R. Garrison, located according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline; C. G. Heath, member of the Bowling Green district quarterly conference.

## LOUISVILLE DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Mount Beulah, Oak Hill, Cedar Grove and Upton.....E. V. Towns  
Louisville.....James Ellrod, supply

## NASHVILLE DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Gallatin, Cottontown, Cedar Grove and Portland.....Hardy Simmons  
Forest Chapel, Bethlehem, Lafayette and Wolf Hill.....H. C. Foster  
Walker's Chapel, Stru's Schoolhouse, Padenville.....

.....J. I. Dickinson, J. B. Hay, supplies



Zion Hill, Simmons' Chapel, Hickerson Station, Manchester....N. G. Pomeroy  
 Decard, Cowen.....F. K. Baker  
 Deer Lodge, Burrville.....John H. Peters, supply  
 J. M. Keen, located according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

## ALABAMA DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Mission Chapel, Mobile and Deer Park.....A. G. Fellows

## LOCAL PREACHERS

James Elrod.....Oakland, Kentucky W. R. Garrison..Petroleum, Kentucky  
 D. H. Tickner....Oakland, " W. N. Matheny.....Fulton, "  
 M. D. Block .....Louisville, " R. G. Hill.....Gallatin, Tennessee  
 J. W. Ware.....Louisville. " J. M. Keen.....Gallatin, "  
 G. W. Tucker....Petroleum, " W. W. Bates.....Decard, "

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE  
CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
<b>BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT</b>												
Scottsville.....	\$ 3 30				\$ 133 34		\$ 32 00	\$ 45 00	3	\$ 1800		
Bowling Green.....					65 32		36 00	25 00	2	2000	1	\$ 300
Wrightsburg.....					25 85		34 91	88 48	2	1350		
Balenta.....												
Asbysburg.....												
<b>LOUISVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Louisville.....			\$ 11 25		50 21		27 91					
Mount Beulah.....					86 62		32 00	31 04	2	900		
<b>NASHVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Gallatin.....					105 00		21 68	27 15	1	1200		
Forest Chapel.....					10 75		1 15		2	1000		
Zion Hill.....			16 30		240 25		34 75	23 90	2	1000		
Walker's Chapel.....					60 00		28 35	10 00	1	800		
Decard.....			5 07				8 01					
Deer Lodge.....							4 50					
<b>ALABAMA DISTRICT</b>												
Deer Park.....					145 25		24 60	4 27	1	800		
	\$ 3 30	\$ 32 62	\$ 12 00	\$ 922 59	\$ 225 26	\$ 254 84	16	\$ 10850	1	\$ 300		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE  
BOWLING GREEN, LOUISVILLE, NASHVILLE AND ALABAMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Wangellists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																	
	Scottsville.....	53	6	59	5	2	1	8	50	10								
	Bowling Green.....	26		26	2	1	2	10	43	6								
	Wrightsburg.....	43	3	46	1	2	2	4	36	3								
	Balenta.....																	
	Asbyburg.....																	
LOUISVILLE DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																	
	Louisville.....	18		18	3	1	1	6	15	1								
	Mount Beulah.....	34	3	37		2												
NASHVILLE DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
	Gallatin.....	17	2	19	3		1	5	30	2								
	Foreman Chapel.....	11		11														
	Zippin.....	40	1	41	50		2	13	84	5								
	Walker's Chapel.....	23		23	1	1	1	5	45	4								
	Deard.....	8		8	1	1	1	4	20	3								
	Deer Lodge.....	6	2	8	3		1		23	2								
	F. M. Elliot, supply.....																	
ALABAMA DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
	Deer Park.....	10		10			1	4	30	2								
Total.....	A. G. Fellows.....																	
		238	17	315	19	9	13	62	375	38	\$ 105 44	\$ 51 75	\$ 42 10	\$ 27 00				

# WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ESTEVAN,  
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA, OCTOBER 1-3, 1908.

## OFFICERS

FRANK H. ASHCRAFT, *President*

OSCAR L. KING, *Secretary*

F. M. WEES, *Treasurer*

W. H. WILSON, *Railway Secretary*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—Frank H. Ashcraft, R. H. Hamilton, E. Steer.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—R. H. Shoup, Jennie Elsom.

*On Publications*—O L. King, E. Steer.

*On Sabbath-schools*—J. B. Newville, William Robson.

*On Education*—W. H. Wilson, E. Snider, O. L. King.

*On Reforms*—F. M. Wees, R. H. Shoup.

*On the State of the Work*—W. H. Wilson, O. L. King.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The secretary.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—Thomas Flake.

*On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The district elders.

*To Receive and Disburse Funds to Defray Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to the Annual Conference*—F. M. Wees, O. L. King.

*On Conference Claimants and Claims*—Frank H. Ashcraft, O. L. King, E. Steer, E. Snider, W. Robson.

*On Memoirs*—F. W. Wees, O. L. King, Jennie Elsom.

*To estimate amount necessary to be raised the coming year for Conference Missions and to defray Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to next annual Conference*—F. M. Wees, O. L. King.

*To Locate Place for Holding the Next Annual Conference*—W. H. Wilson, O. L. King, E. Steer.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Publications*—F. M. Wees,

*On Education*—R. H. Shoup,

*On Sabbath-schools*—Charles Dierks,

*On Reforms*—W. H. Wilson.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. H. Wilson, president; O. L. King, secretary; F. M. Wees, treasurer; W. Robson, E. Snider.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. H. Wilson, secretary, time expires in 1909; E. Steer, president, time expires in 1910; O. L. King, time expires in 1911.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Conference Missions (25 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents); fourth quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents), Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to Annual Conference (25 cents).

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Annie L. Steer, Westview, Saskatchewan; vice-president, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Estevan, Saskatchewan; recording secretary, Miss Hannah Laurence, Weyburn, Saskatchewan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Josie R. Wees, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Elsom, Boharm, Saskatchewan.

## CUSTODIANS OF THE ROBERT HAMILTON EVANGELISTIC FUND

W. H. Wilson, president; R. H. Hamilton, treasurer; O. L. King, secretary; R. H. Shoup.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

## PREACHERS

W. H. Wilson,  
E. Steer,  
Charles T. Dierks.

F. M. Wees,  
J. B. Newvill,

O. L. King,  
R. H. Shoup.

## DELEGATES

Jennie Elsom,  
Thomas Flake,

Elmarion Snider,  
J. W. Featherstone.

William Robson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Frank H. Ashcraft, E. Steer, O. L. King, William Robson, E. Snider.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Heman Hurlburt.
4. Who remain on trial? R. H. Hamilton.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Charles T. Dierks.
6. Who are the deacons? R. H. Shoup, Charles T. Dierks.
- 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 21. None.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. H. Shoup, an ordained deacon from the Oklahoma conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? Robert Hamilton.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.
24. See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near September 15 as will suit the plan of the bishops; the location of the place was left with a committee.

## APPOINTMENTS

## SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT—\*W. H. WILSON, District Elder

\*Moose Jaw and Boharm.....To be supplied  
Westview and Barton, E. Steer, Annie L. Steer, supply, Westview, Saskatchewan  
Ebenezer.....J. B. Newvill, Sinaluta,  
Hudmore and Blackheath.....Charles Dierks, Froude, "  
\*Roseview and Hillcrest....."  
.....F. M. Wees, Josie R. Wees, supply, Roseview, Saskatchewan

Estevan.....R. H. Hamilton, Estevan, Saskatchewan  
 Loweton and Greenmount.....Heman Hurlburt, Loweton, "  
 Weyburn.....

.....Hannah Laurence, Myrtle M. Southam, supplies, Weyburn, Saskatchewan

*Later*—After conference was over W. H. Wilson resigned from being district elder on account of his wife's health, and accepted the pastorate of Roseview and Hillcrest circuit, (address, Roseview, Saskatchewan.) F. M. Wees was appointed district elder (address, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan), and Josie R. Wees was appointed as supply for Moose Jaw and Boharm circuit.

ALBERTA DISTRICT—OSCAR L. KING, District Elder, 24 River street, Edmonton, Alberta

Edmonton.....To be supplied  
 Calgary....." "  
 Bruce and Round Hill....." "  
 Leduce, Michigan Centre and Conjuring Creek....." "  
 Black Fields, Evarts and Wittenburg.....R. H. Shoup, Wittenburg, Alberta

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Arthur L. Haight.....Hurry, Alberta F. C. Wilson.....Hurry, Alberta  
 F. B. Lewis, 30 River street, Edmonton, John Robinson, Roseview, Saskatchewan  
 Alberta  
 Laurence Kirk, Hudmore, Saskatchewan J. W. Commadore, Roseview, Saskatchewan

## EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Jennie Elsom, Boharm, Saskatchewan Mrs. Josie R. Wees, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
 Mrs. Annie L. Steer, Westview, Saskatchewan Mrs. Lizzie J. King, 24 River street, Edmonton, Alberta

## TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$17.85; paid, \$17.85.  
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$21.42; paid, \$21.42.  
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed, \$47.60; paid, \$47.60.  
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$5.95; paid, \$5.95.  
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$11.90;; paid, \$11.90.  
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$29.75; paid, \$26.50.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### I.—ON MEMOIRS.

Since our last annual session the Master has called one of our beloved brethren, Rev. R. Hamilton, from the scene of earthly activity to rest with Him above.

The deceased was born in Frontenac county, Ontario, March 8, 1858, and died at his home in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, October 17, 1907. He was taken with tuberculosis from which he suffered several years before death finally claimed him.

About six hours before his death he was greatly blessed. He sang, "The harvest come, I'm almost home, I've sighted the golden gate"

In the death of Brother Hamilton we feel that a great and a good man hath fallen in Israel.



We are glad that the mantle of this true servant of God has fallen upon his son to whom, with the other relatives, we extend our sincerest sympathy.

His youthful training and surroundings were such as to produce the desire to lead a Christian life. He was brought under conviction and gloriously saved and sanctified in what is known in Ontario as the Keith revival in 1889, under the colors of Sisters Coleman and Steer. He soon afterward joined the Free Methodist church. From the time of his conversion he testified in unmistakable terms to the work of justification and sanctification. He was a strong advocate of salvation from sin. Not long after being saved he felt impressed he should give up farming and engage in more active work for God.

In the fall of 1891 he was appointed by the Canada conference to the Barkway circuit to assist David Allen, who was appointed to the same field.

He was a revivalist as well as pastor. He was in demand on any circuit in the conference. We think that those who are acquainted with the deceased will accede with the statement that he was the cause of as many accessions to the church as any preacher in the conference during the ten years of his active ministry. During the last year of his pastorate at Walsingham, the first developments of his physical trouble appeared.

In settling up his business a few days before his death he bequeathed to the Free Methodist church \$2,000; \$1,000 to the General Missionary Board for foreign work and \$1,000 to our conference.

Though he remained in the work over three years succeeding, the declension became so marked he was compelled to abandon the service he so much loved.

Finding it impossible for him to engage further in the active ministry, he came to Saskatchewan and engaged in the farming business while his strength permitted.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT												
Moose Jaw and Boharm. ....			40	40	190 00		39 95		1	\$1000 00	1	1000
Hudmore and Blackheath. ....				40	326 45	50	58 30				1	500
Westview.....			25 00	1 55	500 60		75 00		1	2000 00	1	600
Estevan.....			6 00		267 60		53 00		1	1750 00	1	500
Lowton and Greenmount.....				30	105 20		50 00					
Roseview.....			10 70	1 10	214 40	50	85 45				1	600
Ebenezer.....				45			44 50		1	1000 00	1	500
ALBERTA DISTRICT												
Edmonton.....				30			25 60					
Calgary.....				20			31 40					
Hurry and Round Hill.....			11 50	1 15	157 70		35 25					
Michigan Center, Conjuring C'k				40			7 45					
			\$53 20	\$ 6 25	\$1761 95	\$100	\$605 90		4	\$5750 00	6	\$ 3700

NOTE.—Raised for expenses of delegates to annual conference, \$23.60.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

## SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT																		
	W. H. Wilson, District Elder	6	13	19	1	1	1	1	1	2	2 96	1 44	2 00	1 20	80			
Moose Jaw and Boharm.	E. Steer	16	13	29	1	1	1	1	1	3	2 96	1 44	2 00	1 20	80			\$ 39 40
Hadmore and Blackheath.	F. M. Wees, Josie R. Wees, sup's	31	4	35	2	10	53	10	53	10	12 40	5 58	7 75	4 65	3 10			10 00
Westview.	J. B. Newville.	10	3	13	1	5	25	6	25	6								230 97
Estevan.	R. H. Hamilton.	15	1	16	2	10	40	4	40	4	2 40	1 08	1 60	1 00	60		\$ 19 56	20 15
Loweton and Greenmount.	Charles Dierks.	21	6	27	2	1	6	35	4	4	3 96	3 96	3 96	3 30	2 90			42 83
Roseview.	Heman Huriburt.	9		9							3 00	1 40	3 70	1 35	90			47 65
Ebenezer.																		
ALBERTA DISTRICT																		
	O. L. King, District Elder	6	4	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	2 40	1 08	1 50	90	60			
Edmonton.		4	1	5						2	3 00	4 12	1 07	3 45	40			
Calgary.		28	1	29	2	1	6	28	4	4	0 20	4 12	1 07	3 45	2 30			7 00
Hurry and Round Hill.	R. H. Shoup.	8	7	15	1	1	1	1	5	5	3 20	1 46	2 00	1 20	80			
Michigan Center, Conjuging Creek.																		
Total..		152	40	192	6	3	7	37	181	41	49 52	22 36	26 02	18 75	13 50		\$ 19 56	\$400 12

# TEXAS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 4-7, 1908.

## OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary*

W. C. ROSE, *Assistant Secretary*

F. D. PALMER, *Statistical Secretary*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Railroad Secretary*

F. D. PALMER, *Treasurer*

## COMMITTEES

*On Public Worship*—William Pearce, George McCulloch, L. A. Miller.

*On Publications*—A. B. Harrell, B. F. Harris, John Wilson.

*On Reforms*—S. H. Owens, J. G. Adams, R. E. Elkins.

*On Education*—R. A. Thompson, T. J. Jacks, F. D. Palmer.

*On Sunday-schools*—B. F. Harris, W. M. Adams, M. M. Lowery.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, F. D. Palmer.

*To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—R. J. Swanson, C. A. Perkins.

*To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes*—S. H. Owens, M. M. Lowery.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The stationing committee.

*On the State of the Work*—L. A. Miller, George McCulloch.

*On Complimentary Resolutions*—B. F. Harris, R. E. Fletcher, C. E. Rose.

*Auditing Committee*—R. E. Elkins, J. S. Hill.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For one year, George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, W. M. Adams; for two years,  
R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose; for three years, R. E. Elkins, S. H. Owens.

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, R. E. Elkins, J. V. Wilson.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, F. D. Palmer, S. H. Owens, H. A. Hanson, L.  
A. Miller, T. J. Jacks.

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

*On Publications*—W. C. Rose,

*On Education*—S. H. Owens,

*On Reforms*—B. F. Harris,

*On Sabbath-schools*—H. A. Hanson,

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. H. E. Thompson, president; Mrs. P. E. Rose, corresponding secretary;  
Mrs. S. J. McCulloch, treasurer, 197 McKinnon street, Dallas, Texas; to  
whom all money should be sent.

## ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents); second quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), Conference Missions (17 cents); third quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents), Free-will offerings for Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents).

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS

George McCulloch,  
W. C. Rose,  
S. H. Owens,  
T. J. Jacks,  
L. P. Morris,  
B. F. Harris,  
C. W. Johnson,

R. A. Thompson,  
L. A. Miller,  
J. F. Hendricks,  
F. D. Palmer,  
H. A. Hanson,  
M. M. Lowery,  
John Fenner,

W. H. Lathrop,  
W. M. Adams,  
R. E. Flecher,  
R. G. Swanson,  
A. B. Harrell,  
C. A. Perkins,  
S. L. Crouch.

### DELEGATES

J. S. Hill,  
G. S. George,  
R. C. Morton,  
J. D. Garrison,  
W. F. Bishop,  
Mrs. M. F. Lewis.

P. E. Smith,  
Mrs. J. E. Stow,  
J. W. Bowlin,  
E. C. Morris,  
Frank Cochran,

E. E. Lookabaug,  
R. E. Elkins,  
L. D. Myers,  
J. N. Wilson,  
C. E. Rose,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, R. E. Elkins, John Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? V. R. Lewis, J. L. Price, S. B. Gosey.

4. Who remain on trial? J. C. George, Gilbert Finger, J. G. Adams.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. W. Johnson.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Hendricks, J. G. Adams, C. W. Johnson.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? B. F. Harris, C. A. Perkins.

8. Who have located this year? S. L. Crouch.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. H. Lathrop.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? John Fenner.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? C. W. Johnson, to the Oklahoma conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. When and where shall our next conference be held? At Rockwell, Texas, as early after the meeting of the executive committee as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was one of the most blessed in the history of the work; in fact, the very best. Our new bishop, William Pearce, was in the "fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ."

He wore his honors meekly and takes an easy place in our hearts as a most suitable companion in labors with his holy and honored brethren. All speak their great appreciation for him. The secretaries, especially, were much favored and won by his presidency. God bless the good bishop.

There were five sittings, all characterized by brotherly kindness and deep love.

Rev. J. P. Brodhead, the inimitable missionary to Africa, was among us, representing the publishing house and looking after things in the missionary line. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had a very interesting service, addressed by Brother Brodhead, after which a collection in cash and subscription was taken, amounting to eleven hundred fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents; this following a collection in the morning service in which one hundred fourteen dollars thirty cents was taken to meet the deficiency in conference collections. We think this shows quite favorably for a little conference so remote and isolated as to scarcely be reckoned in the connection.

There was one sad feature, namely, the voluntary retirement of our venerable and much beloved Brother George McCulloch, whose weight of three score and ten years of most active and arduous life have left him too infirm to longer admit of his accepting the honors of leadership the conference so freely have bestowed upon him for a quarter of a century. However, it must be a matter of consolation to all to be able to look back on an association of such mutual love and fellowship in the "kingdom and patience of Jesus," which relation will reach its consummation in realms of eternal bliss. Amen.

## APPOINTMENTS

### DALLAS DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder

Dallas, First church.....	A. B. Harrell
Dallas, Central church.....	George McCulloch
Ennis.....	F. D. Palmer
Fort Worth, Weatherford and Collinsville.....	R. E. Fletcher
Oak circuit .....	R. G. Swanson, S. B. Gosey
Paradise and Friendship.....	T. J. Jacks
Midway and Compere.....	S. H. Owens

R. A. Thompson, member of Dallas district quarterly conference; W. H. Lathrop, superannuated; S. L. Crouch, located according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

### SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder

San Antonio, San Marcos and Pipe Creek.....	L. P. Morris
Austin.....	To be supplied

### PLAINVIEW DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder

Plainview Circuit and Clovis.....	J. F. Hendricks
Providence.....	W. M. Adams
Memphis.....	R. W. C. Owens, supply

### GREENVILLE DISTRICT—L. A. MILLER, District Elder

Greenville, Campbell and Alba.....	M. M. Lowry
Rockwall, Bear Creek and Millwood.....	B. F. Harris
Van, Roddy and Mabank.....	J. C. George
Winsboro, Forest Hill and Rock Springs.....	J. L. Price
Terrell, Bachelor, Lawrence and Rose Hill.....	W. C. Rose
Quinlan and Blockdale.....	Gilbert Finger
De Kalb .....	Walter Barber, supply
Mena.....	H. A. Hanson
Big Sandy, Starville and Bethel.....	Randal Lewis

L. A. Miller, member of Greenville district quarterly conference; J. G. Adams, evangelist.

#### NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT—L. A. MILLER, District Elder

Nacogdoches, Canaan, Sacul and Cherino.....C. A. Perkins  
 Lavalla, Huntington and Homer.....I. T. Williams  
 Edgar's Chapel, Sabine Town, Sarpville and McClellan..H. D. Munsel, supply  
 C. W. Johnson, granted certificate of good standing with view to transfer.

### LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

L. D. Wright,	D. S. Finger,	S. F. Worley.
N. W. Sanford,	J. N. Wilson,	H. S. Crickett,

### LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

T. J. Kinningham,	J. W. Payne,	M. W. Burgess.
R. W. C. Owens,	S. T. Green.	S. P. Coffman.
W. P. Sibley,	Frank Cochran.	H. C. Belk,
A. A. Dubose,	L. D. Myers,	John Gray,
J. E. Stowe,	Worth Rowell.	W. L. Delamar,
W. R. Hill,	R. W. Huckabee.	O. N. Howell.
D. Briggs,	M. J. Watts.	J. H. Smith,
A. L. Perkins,	Fred M. Hendricks.	S. F. Smith.
John Graham,	H. M. Weaver,	W. F. Gales,
L. F. Scott,	Mrs. H. M. Weaver,	Mrs. M. J. Peppers.
James L. Newman,	Mrs. Rebecca Belk.	Mrs. Ida Swanson,
Mrs. L. M. Lamm,	Mrs. Sadie Lowry,	N. L. Perkins,
Mrs. N. A. Coppedge,	Mrs. W. M. Adams,	Mrs. Lizzie Palmer,
Mrs. Naoma Perkins,	Mrs. Mattie Price.	

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### I.—ON REFORMS.

We, the committee on reforms beg leave to submit the following report:

Reformation is a very important part of our religion, though not the most important part. We do not believe that any amount of reformation will make a Christian; neither do we believe that the church should stand only as a reform movement. We realize that reformation is not necessarily religion. Yet we believe that in all genuine religion, there is genuine reformation. The Scriptures say, "Let him that nameth the name of the Lord depart from iniquity;" and again, the Lord appeals to His people, and says, "Who will rise up for Me against the workers of iniquity?" Hence we feel it our business, while we contend for a spiritual religion, also to stand up against every form of evil.

ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—We would mention the liquor traffic, which has blighted our land, has wrecked many precious homes, and is damning souls by the thousands. While as a rule, our people are awake on the matter of prohibition, yet we insist on more diligent effort along this line, especially at this time, when we have so splendid an opportunity to show our colors on the question; and we insist that all of our people should rally to the work, and to the ballot-box, this coming season, and strike the giant evil a death-blow that will rid our fair state of the whisky business.

ON TOBACCO.—We note with pleasure the increase of the anti-tobacco sentiment; yet the tobacco habit is still a great nuisance. It is gradually but surely undermining the health of the rising generation. The cigarette habit seems to be increasing among young men and boys, destroying them physi-



cally, mentally and morally. So we should continue to lift our voices, and rigidly enforce our Discipline on this subject.

ON SECRET SOCIETIES.—We still maintain that the organized, oath-bound secret society is a menace to our free country, is contrary to the spirit of christianity, and has become one of the greatest hindrances to the spread of the gospel, it being a religion of itself, with its false standard of morals, benevolence, and charity. Many are being brought under its deceptive influence, and, accepting it is a good religion, are choosing to do their benevolence through lodge rather than through the church, thereby giving the honor to the lodge rather than to God; and ignoring the command of the great Apostle, who said, "Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Therefore, we insist that all of our people, and especially our preachers, keep well informed with regard to this great evil, and lift up their voices with no uncertain sound against it.

ON SABBATH DESECRATION.—We deplore the sad fact that, as a whole, the American nation is becoming more and more a nation of Sabbath-breakers. Sabbath traffic, Sabbath amusement, and Sabbath labor are on the increase. And while our Free Methodist people are not as a rule guilty on these lines, yet we are in a measure responsible for the conditions around us. Therefore we ought to speak out against all manner of Sabbath desecration, especially such forms of it as are becoming very common; as the opening of shops, offices and markets on Sunday; the buying or delivering of milk, ice or meat; the distributing or receiving of the mail; and the attending of fairs, picnics, ball games, or other places of amusement. And finally, that we have a Christian Sabbath indeed, let us discourage, both by example and precept, all Sunday visiting, and everything else that would prevent us from enjoying the day as a day of rest and worship.

ON DIVORCE.—We shudder as we are brought face to face with this ever-increasing evil, which seems to be gnawing away at the very vitals of society and religion. Destroy the sacredness of the marriage relation and the home, and you corrupt society in its fountain-head. Now that the courts have become lax on the divorce question, society sanctions it, and many religious bodies are tolerating it. Even so-called "holiness organizations" are springing up which wink at this great evil. We feel like reasserting our position on this question, and, with renewed energies and vigor, pressing the battle against this, the common foe of society and religion.

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## II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Jesus once said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God;" which, if true then, is just as much so to-day.

As the body is sustained by food that reaches the system by means, or through, the mouth, so the spiritual man is sustained by food that reaches the spiritual system by means of, or through, its mouth—the mind. As there are various foods that are not fit to be taken into the body, and are injurious to the same, so there are hundreds, yea, thousands, of mental foods, in the shape of books and papers, that are presented for our use, which, if taken into our minds, will poison, and finally ruin, our spiritual natures. For this very reason, many among us are sickly, and almost dead, spiritually. We should be as careful in selecting our reading matter as we are in selecting our food.

We cannot be too careful in guarding our homes against the trashy literature of the day. The mails are flooded with ten-cent story papers which are demoralizing in their effect on the minds of both old and young. We should see to it that these things do not enter our homes. And what is worse, there are certain papers that claim to be religious that have just enough of good in

them to make them doubly dangerous. We should be careful, and discriminate against these papers.

We note that in our conference, we have a membership of about seven hundred, and take only seventy-seven copies of our church paper. These conditions ought not to be so. We would recommend that our pastors make a special effort to put the FREE METHODIST into the homes of our people, because it will make them better Christians, and better and more loyal Free Methodists, by bringing them in closer touch with our work.

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Our book of Discipline should be on the center table of all our homes; also our hymn-book. Our people should keep the old time songs before their children by using the hymn-book in their family worship. We are sorry to note that singing has almost gone out of our family work. We should revive it again by the use of our hymn-book.

We note a tendency on the part of some of our people to omit the reading of the Bible at morning worship, and at some other times when they suppose they are in a great hurry. We should be, as one of our forefathers said with regard to this matter, and when there is to be a very busy day, spend more time than usual in family worship.

We recommend a continual and systematic reading of the Word of God, for by the knowledge of it, we grow in grace.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re-celpts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Recelpts	Evangelists' Re-celpts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Personages	Value of Person-age Property
<b>DALLAS DISTRICT</b>												
Dallas, First Church.....			\$ 54 80	\$ 2 90	\$ 450 00	\$150 00	\$100 00	\$ 10 35	1	\$ 2500	1	\$ 2500
Dallas, Central Church.....				1 25			60 50					
Oak.....			6 00	3 55	421 15	50	30 00	75 10	1	1000	1	500
Ennis.....			24 00	1 05	400 00	120	52 35	40 00	1	1500	1	1500
Paradise.....			10 00	1 80	150 00	50	50 00	20 00	2	1200	1	300
Fort Worth and Collinsville.....				1 25	110 10	100	8 50	6 00	1	1500	1	1300
Midway and Comper.....				1 70	222 00	60	61 65	50 00	2		1	400
Plainview.....			5 25	65	81 24		64 90	61 00				
Memphis and Elba.....					225 30							
<b>SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT</b>												
San Antonio.....			18 17	30		45	32 70		1	1250	1	1250
Pipe Creek.....				45	9 60		18 15	18 50	1	200		
San Marcus and Austin.....			9 50	35	200 00		32 10	50 00	1	1500		
<b>GREENVILLE DISTRICT</b>												
Greenville and Fort Towson.....			21 00	3 50	162 43	50	98 85		2	1400	1	1000
Rockwall and Bear Creek.....			10 85	1 25	262 60	60	32 50	5 00	1	1000	1	500
Terrell and Batchelor.....			6 75	3 50	242 00	60	79 80	5 00	2	1200	1	450
Van.....			5 30	80	36 95		39 50	17 70	1	600		
Quinland.....			1 40	25	43 57		3 85					
Big Sandy.....				55		36					1	300
Forrest and Rock Springs.....				1 65	25 60		36 25		1	200		
DeKalb and Mena, Ark.....			12 76	90	167 25		30 15					
Roddy and Maybank.....									1	200		
Alba.....				30								
<b>NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT</b>												
Nacogdoches, Chireno, Sacul.....			17 00	1 55	210 00	60	89 90	53 00	2	1450	1	750
Zabella.....			7 60	2 20	65 00	10	44 15		1	600	1	200
McClellan and Sharpville.....				1 25	94 35		6 50		1	400		
Total.....			\$ 210 28	\$ 33 15	\$ 3579 14	\$ 801	1022 30	\$ 411 65	23	\$ 18500	13	\$ 10900



# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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PROCEEDINGS OF

The Executive Committee,  
Board of Education,  
Board of Conference Claimants,  
Board of Church Extension,  
General Missionary Board,  
Woman's Foreign Missionary  
Society.

1908

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES															
Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist Taken	Conf'ants' Fund	Bishops' Balances	Conference Mis-sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen'l Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	183	23	206	9	7	61	407	39	\$ 64.13	\$ 33.79	\$ 20.06	\$ 27.60	\$ 18.21	.....	\$ 21.55
California.....	1734	177	1911	31	22	55	2399	313	595.85	304.48	169.47	255.24	153.33	90	108.11
Central Illinois.....	420	61	481	14	16	109	604	117	149.20	67.14	93.25	55.95	37.30	.....	80.40
Colorado.....	285	41	326	11	4	13	82	485	93.39	42.64	41.36	33.70	25.05	.....	295.15
Columbia River.....	1856	205	2061	87	17	32	652	3298	156	695.60	322.14	390.55	280.49	173.02	308.82
East Michigan.....	101	104	104	28	12	32	163	319	138	119.36	128.40	99.45	66.30	.....	64.06
East Ontario.....	163	104	104	10	10	874	173	323	640.40	228.35	520.20	240.15	160.10	.....	262.72
Iowa.....	950	100	1050	22	17	38	283	173	277	136.01	107.74	113.61	74.00	.....	184.05
Kansas.....	828	63	891	30	10	33	195	1235	150	393.36	107.74	113.61	74.00	.....	59.60
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	298	17	315	19	9	13	62	375	388	105.44	61.75	42.10	87.00	.....	325.47
Louisiana.....	155	22	177	1	8	35	204	115	47.20	21.36	18.85	18.40	11.80	.....	325.47
Michigan.....	1015	112	1127	21	7	32	251	1153	197	386.80	174.06	116.94	145.05	.....	2.00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	308	39	347	3	10	60	501	94	101.27	48.77	79.62	41.25	24.07	.....	77.80
Missouri.....	286	29	295	15	6	12	62	362	62	97.91	44.24	22.83	34.78	21.13	8.05
Nebraska.....	383	44	427	11	13	20	110	555	118	135.45	60.12	75.00	63.80	35.81	602.73
Nebraska.....	1049	162	1211	51	10	39	228	1445	180	401.33	181.10	223.30	150.20	103.63	602.73
New York.....	138	20	158	4	5	10	53	255	49	53.40	26.28	27.90	14.60	.....	60.00
North Dakota.....	1673	215	1888	47	12	79	470	2019	292	672.80	307.76	202.48	213.73	.....	47.95
North Michigan.....	251	45	296	5	9	47	316	55	88.46	39.68	12.05	31.15	26.10	.....	165.24
North Minnesota.....	1016	123	1139	27	17	57	965	1797	291	393.40	181.04	146.73	149.80	.....	40.95
Ohio.....	1840	310	2150	24	31	73	424	2856	269	720.40	324.18	270.15	180.10	90.05	239.74
Oklahoma.....	894	79	973	35	12	34	242	1192	262	319.00	146.28	224.61	118.35	77.90	106.44
Oregon.....	538	70	608	18	9	21	123	545	112	210.00	94.50	131.25	78.75	52.50	4.05
Pittsburg.....	1544	282	1826	53	39	64	443	3409	301	627.40	268.01	223.50	172.01	.....	122.14
Platte River.....	465	75	540	22	23	125	578	144	182.40	82.08	280.00	68.40	45.60	22.80	30.75
South Africa.....	367	38	405	13	8	16	58	409	163	154.40	71.95	55.55	35.08	.....	10.67
South Dakota.....	699	73	772	17	11	128	1016	166	194.37	87.37	245.63	183.78	115.89	.....	122.75
Southern California.....	1388	246	1634	27	18	47	1637	2293	576.62	243.62	253.68	189.78	116.38	.....	122.75
Texas.....	636	22	658	16	19	88	607	73	265.90	119.34	79.66	99.45	68.30	.....	32.50
Washington.....	1056	130	1186	26	11	47	278	1506	173	389.76	183.78	116.66	146.75	.....	92.11
Western Canada.....	152	40	192	6	3	7	37	181	41	49.62	22.36	28.02	18.75	76.50	53.95
Western Ontario.....	726	136	862	17	12	36	173	992	169	269.06	121.98	159.30	102.55	67.70	175.32
West Ontario.....	506	73	579	13	10	28	144	614	133	139.31	81.24	70.07	72.55	47.50	32.10
West Iowa.....	619	94	713	13	10	25	163	776	153	240.40	108.18	146.26	90.15	.....	56.25
West Kansas.....	704	122	826	23	19	33	176	1076	167	281.19	117.91	130.62	96.75	64.17	214.67
Wisconsin.....	2985	4013	3598	888	485	1209	7838	43410	6077	11291.31	\$5131.95	\$2624.35	\$2786.65	\$185.84	\$4169.90
Total.....															



## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES—CONTINUED

CONFERENCES	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property	
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	\$ 474.49	\$ 4.25	1 63	76 00	8 26	348 75	25 00	266 71	49 79	1	2500	1	150	
California	12 69	2 66	19 26	484 30	14 75	3 95	41	712 55	843 31	10	19750	9	10850	
Central Illinois	12 09	2 69	19 26	1210 63	14 75	11831 24	1328 02	1862 15	843 31	61	17500	23	17700	
Colorado	846 35	4 45	13 73	521 97	15 65	5555 69	738 50	911 66	263 00	11	16850	10	6700	
Columbia River	72 30	9 50	4 65	339 67	10 32	38 47		823 79	265 22	11	13475	8	5600	
East Michigan	583 79	18 45	28 57	1309 15	82 83	14681 18	2631 50	1930 99	133 09	38	90775	46	33350	
East Ontario	776 57	2 38	24	488 85	33 30	6737 59	580 00	1094 01	245 43	86	38623	11	10000	
Florida	1612 75	16 49	70 16	1318 10	89 05	14376 54	3312 00	2593 57	696 46	62	116850	42	57050	
Genesee	1757 07	40 11	41 32	1446 18	47 90	11600 73	3343 00	2032 19	739 82	41	45900	28	40600	
Iowa	736 11	11 77	31 77	669 02	37 00	6438 31	1580 00	1306 03	739 82	45	30850	31	18225	
Kansas	736 11	11 77	31 77	669 02	37 00	6438 31	1580 00	1306 03	739 82	45	30850	31	18225	
Kentucky and Tennessee	731 49	19 10	23 48	92 62	12 00	922 54	2244 20	1985 26	254 84	16	10850	1	300	
Louisiana	369 73	17 30	13 86	49 16	5 90	834 62	1691 00	246 80	258 23	43	14800	1	210	
Michigan	430 09	1 50	6 81	216 64	48 35	9261 20	1691 00	1258 04	301 89	11	54437	20	22700	
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	45 08	1 50	1 50	168 75	14 75	3178 50	470 00	658 77	301 89	11	14050	9	7750	
Missouri	45 95	1 50	1 50	144 67	11 87	2335 05	602 40	975 74	338 64	13	12850	8	4650	
Nebraska	1172 39	18 08	19 23	310 95	14 35	4151 28	825 00	1101 44	389 03	13	28700	13	9500	
New York	424 00	1 00	11 60	919 34	46 47	9304 68	1028 75	2305 72	446 26	39	108200	10	14550	
North Dakota	131 13	7 67	11 60	163 69	7 30	2708 54		734 81	187 73	7	7350	6	3360	
North Dakota	131 13	7 67	11 60	163 69	7 30	2708 54		734 81	187 73	7	7350	6	3360	
North Michigan	202 22	7 67	22 20	357 72	20 48	4142 48		136 47	251 19	22	30850	11	2100	
North Minnesota	202 22	7 67	22 20	357 72	20 48	4142 48		136 47	251 19	22	30850	11	2100	
Ohio	110 75	11 55	19 31	1024 11	9 43	1336 29	2078 32	136 47	251 19	22	30850	11	2100	
Ohio City	3760 30	31 70	54 47	1624 59	90 05	12449 05	1431 55	1865 49	435 25	59	63760	20	20300	
Oklahoma	920 19	24 73	31 23	1042 50	50 30	12449 05	1431 55	1865 49	435 25	59	63760	20	20300	
Oregon	1221 69	10 41	27 08	603 57	30 60	15670 52	3812 00	3166 86	802 18	84	143600	34	39500	
Pittsburg	3881 54	3 00	9 36	503 57	26 25	6016 56	1089 00	3166 86	802 18	84	143600	34	39500	
Platte River	974 00	8 00	9 36	2526 69	70 25	17794 06	1388 00	1225 20	470 90	21	23700	12	9850	
South Africa	324 47	5 58	5 25	353 73	17 92	2767 25	846 00	1096 40	345 74	16	16626	14	9995	
South Carolina	282 47	5 58	5 25	283 73	17 92	2767 25	846 00	1096 40	345 74	16	16626	14	9995	
Southern California	282 47	5 58	5 25	283 73	17 92	2767 25	846 00	1096 40	345 74	16	16626	14	9995	
Susquehanna	1692 03	6 01	24 94	930 98	24 40	17146 24	827 00	782 30	883 97	12	94900	8	14900	
Texas	205 04	25 90	24 94	910 98	33 15	33719 14	801 00	1022 30	411 65	22	18500	13	10900	
Wabash	254 90	6 15	3 10	773 02	48 85	8296 12	1768 00	1201 04	1486 28	64	56850	22	22765	
Washington	1979 17	18 85	3 10	924 80	38 25	9428 08		1351 32	1171 62	19	41760	15	13460	
Western Canada	400 12			53 20	6 25	1761 95	100 00	605 90	177 66	31	57500	6	3700	
West Ontario	1133 55	2 00	15 04	523 50	25 45	7435 24	773 63	1358 50	177 66	31	37414	16	14386	
West Iowa	286 09	4 07	7 62	287 43	25 20	5866 51	1447 50	1078 82	666 68	31	34700	17	15000	
West Kansas	546 23	9 68	19 85	377 33	30 05	5860 38	1225 00	907 32	433 25	30	45300	20	15150	
Wisconsin	563 14	4 96	4 96	500 63	30 79	6483 41	1049 00	1511 39	389 77	38	45200	18	16200	
Total	31285 83	363 22	610 69	23872 71	11369 41	\$270304 17	41671 07	50567 62	13004 84	1214	\$ 1,695,781	660	663,511	



# PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—1908

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## BISHOPS

REV. EDWARD P. HART, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California.  
 REV. BURTON R. JONES, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.  
 REV. WALTER A. SELLEW, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York.  
 REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, 2025 Sherman avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. BURTON R. JONES, President,	REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,
REV. EDWARD P. HART,	Secretary,
REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	REV. A. BEERS,
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,	T. SULLY,
REV. B. D. FAY,	A. YATES,
REV. JOSEPH A. WATSON,	ISAAC KESLER,
REV. F. H. ASHCRAFT,	A. W. GILLINGHAM,
	G. M. ROWLEY.

## GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	REV. EDWARD P. HART,
President,	REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,
REV. BURTON R. JONES,	REV. J. M. EAGLE,
REV. B. WINGET,	REV. C. E. HARROUN, Jr.,
Missionary Secretary,	REV. W. W. BRUCE,
REV. J. S. M'GEARY,	C. L. OSGOOD,
REV. W. W. VINSON,	F. W. WARREN,
W. B. BERTELS,	MRS. M. M. ROBINSON,
W. S. STEPHENS,	MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW,
W. W. STEWART,	MRS. ADELAIDE L. BEERS.

## CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	REV. B. WINGET, Secretary,
President,	
S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.	

The members are the same as the General Missionary Board.

## BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, President.

Other officers and members the same as the General Missionary Board.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, President,	REV. J. T. LOGAN,
REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,	Recording Secretary,
Corresponding Secretary,	THOMAS SULLY, Treasurer.

The other members the same as the Executive Committee.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

EDWARD P. HART,	MENDAL B. MILLER,
WILSON T. HOGUE,	WALTER A. SELLEW,
BURTON R. JONES,	THOMAS SULLY,
	ALBERT YATES.

## TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

WALTER A. SELLEW.....	Term expires 1915.
MENDAL B. MILLER.....	Term expires 1915.
THOMAS SULLY.....	Term expires 1915.
EDWARD P. HART.....	Term expires 1911.
BURTON R. JONES.....	Term expires 1911.
WILSON T. HOGUE.....	Term expires 1911.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Executive Committee met for its regular annual meeting at the publishing house, 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, October 13, 1908, at two o'clock, p. m.

Bishop Burton R. Jones called the committee to order. He presided at each of the twelve sittings of the committee. Different ones assisted in conducting the devotional exercises.

All the members were present, except P. O. Cole and G. M. Rowley. The latter was detained on account of sickness. Professor Cole tendered his resignation as a member of the committee, having removed from the bounds of the fourth district. It was accepted, and A. W. Gillingham, of Wisconsin, was elected in his stead.

The following members were elected as directors of the Free Methodist Publishing House: Edward P. Hart, Wilson T. Hogue, Burton R. Jones, Walter A. Sellew, Mendal B. Miller, A. Yates and Thomas Sully.

Permission was granted to sell church or parsonage property, or both, at the following places: Elsie, Michigan; Hastings, Michigan; Mayville, Michigan; East Bethany, New York; Canton, Wisconsin; property on the Byesville and Hartford circuits, Ohio conference; Danbury, Iowa; Ida Grove, Iowa; Ripley, Illinois (conditionally); Milwaukee, Wisconsin (action deferred); Colesburg, Pennsylvania (conditionally).

W. T. Hogue, chairman of the building committee, gave his report, which was duly adopted.

A memorial was presented from the Oil City conference, in the matter of the raising of conference claims by individual apportionment. The committee adopted the following, after full discussion of the question by the several members of the committee, and the editor of the *Free Methodist*, who was privileged to speak on the question: *Resolved*, That in our judgment the present method among our societies of raising conference funds by individual apportionment should not be regarded as in any sense a legal assessment upon the members, but that where societies choose to adopt that method it is not a violation of the Discipline, provided it be understood that a failure on the part of any member to pay the amount apportioned him be not regarded as rendering him liable to disciplinary action on that ground.

Rev. J. T. Logan, editor of the *Free Methodist*, read his annual report, which was duly accepted.

Memorials were presented to the committee from the Rochester district, Pittsburg conference, as also from the Pittsburg annual conference, referring to the publication of a so-called objectionable cut, in the *Free Methodist* of June, 1908. They were duly considered, and replies were sent to these bodies.

The publishing agent, W. B. Rose, read his annual report, which was, on motion, duly received. It showed that the publishing house had had a fair degree of prosperity the past year, notwithstanding the pressure in the financial world. The assets were shown to be \$83,328.12, and the quick funds, available October 1, 1908, as \$32,675.67.

The auditor, W. A. Sellew, reported as follows: "I hereby certify that I have carefully audited the books of the Free Methodist Publishing House and find them carefully and correctly kept. I also examined the various pay-

ments made on various accounts and find them all correct, with proper vouchers for each payment. I also have examined the securities held by the publishing house, and find them all correct as stated, and I believe them all to be good liens on valuable real estate. I have also examined the bank accounts where money is represented as being on deposit, and found them to be correct, and as represented. This audit was made up to April 1, 1908. Signed, Walter A. Sellew, auditor. October 14, 1908."

The auditor's report was duly adopted.

The publishing agent was requested to send to the president of each annual conference a list of the names and amount of account of all the preachers or supplies who have served circuits in that conference who are in debt to the house for books, on accounts more than one year old; such list to be used by the president as he may see best, and such list shall be left with the secretary of the conference.

W. T. Hogue moved that the publishing agents are hereby recommended to pay on such books as are already in progress of preparation, officially accepted by our church, the usual royalty of ten per cent. The motion carried.

The publishing agent was authorized to furnish free to all our pastors and preachers tracts on "Evil Speaking," "On Dress," on "The General Rules of our Church," etc., for judicious distribution.

The publishing agents were further authorized to publish a new song book, to be adapted especially for the Sunday-schools of our church. The securing of a committee to publish such a song book was left with the following committee: W. B. Rose, W. S. Stephens, W. T. Hogue and W. B. Olmstead.

The following motion was passed: "That the publishing agents are hereby authorized to compensate with authors of manuscripts for books ordered by the general conference or the executive committee, or for which provision is made by these bodies, a fixed sum previously agreed upon with the publishing agents before the publishing of such manuscripts; it being understood that this obtains in case the body ordering these books fails to name the compensation to be paid for such manuscripts."

Bishop Edward P. Hart tendered his resignation from the duties of that office. After careful consideration the same was accepted, as also the following resolutions: "We sincerely regret that age and infirmity have made it seem necessary to Bishop Hart to be relieved of the duties of his office, but recognize the fact that to bear the burdens of the office longer would be more than he is well able to endure. With much reluctance we recommend that his resignation be accepted, so far as it relates to retirement from the duties of the office, but at the same time we recognize that the general conference only has jurisdiction over this relation to the office itself. Therefore, we further recommend that he be considered as retired from service, without salary, and that we now proceed to the election of another bishop. Signed,

B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, F. H. Ashcraft, T. Sully."

On the third ballot, William Pearce was elected bishop of the Free Methodist Church, having received eight out of twelve votes cast. Later the election was made unanimous.

The following resolutions referring to the retirement of Bishop E. P. Hart were unanimously adopted:

"Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions regarding the retirement of Bishop Edward P. Hart would respectfully submit the following report:

"Since October, 1874, this honored servant of God has served in the general superintendency of the church with untiring faithfulness and unabating zeal. In his public ministry of the Word he has ever presented the loftiest ideal of godliness, and that with a clearness; force, eloquence and evangelical spirit that have given a charm to the gospel he has preached, and have inspired thousands to holy living. In the general councils of the church

his words have usually been few, but weighty, and wisely influential in determining matters pertaining to the church's welfare. In his visitation of the conferences he has traveled thousands and hundreds of thousands of miles, inuring himself to hardships such as a few can appreciate except those who have served for a term of years in the same capacity; and in presiding over the conference sessions he has always been characterized by dignity, simplicity, spirituality, dispassionateness and fairness, such as have won for him a high place in the esteem and affection of our people generally.

"When he entered the office, as some of us can well remember, his locks were raven, his face unfurrowed, his step firm and elastic, his frame vigorous, his voice strong and resonant. Time and arduous toil have wrought marked changes, and now the raven locks have turned to silver; the unfurrowed face bears marks of care and toil and age; the firm and elastic step has given place to a more cautious tread; the rigorous frame is tremulous; the voice that once rang clear and strong has now become enfeebled. And yet, amid the signs of age and infirmity so apparent, our revered and honored brother keeps 'the dew of youth' upon him in a spiritual sense.

"Thirty-four years of service in this extensive field has so endeared him to us as a people that we can but be saddened to know that the time has come when he feels compelled to retire from the active service. As such is the case, however, we bow submissively to the inevitable, and deem the following resolutions appropriate on this occasion:

"1. *Resolved*, That in the retirement of Bishop E. P. Hart from active service the general superintendency loses from its effective ranks one of the noblest, most loyal, godly and useful men that ever filled the office of a bishop, and the church at large may well deplore the conditions that have made his retirement necessary.

"2. *Resolved*, That we will ever cherish the memory of his genial presence in this board and in all other deliberative bodies in which we have been wont to meet with him; as also his wise counsels, earnest exhortations and eloquent sermons, all of which have ever been combined with true Christian dignity, simplicity and spirituality.

"3. *Resolved*, That no small part of the loss we as a people will feel will be that which comes from the retirement, with him, of the noble woman, who, through all these years of toil, travel, labor, exposure and hardship has stood loyally at his side and has been an inspiration to our people everywhere—his noble and devoted wife.

"4. *Resolved*, That our prayers and our best wishes shall ever follow both Bishop Hart and his wife, to the end that the closing years of life with both of them may be serene and happy—like a glorious sunset which presages the coming of a new glorious dawn."

The committee further passed the following motion: "That it is the earnest and unanimous request of this executive committee that Brother E. P. Hart attend, as an honorary member, each annual meeting of this committee, until the next general conference, and that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay all his traveling expenses in carrying out this request, as also the traveling expenses of Brother Hart to the next session of the general conference."

Bishop William Pearce and Rev. C. E. Harroun, Jr., were elected corresponding editors of the *Free Methodist*.

The following motion was passed: "That inasmuch as the employees of the general conference receive a salary from the church funds, that they be requested to confine their book business to books and periodicals handled by and through the Free Methodist Publishing House, except their own productions."

A memorial from Chicago, First Free Methodist church, was presented, wherein they requested that provision be made in the near future for paying them the balance due them in their equity in the May street property. Their request was granted.

The Rev. John LaDue was voted \$150 a year in consideration of his literary labors incident to and connected with preparing the Sunday-school lesson comments in the *Free Methodist* each week.

The following committee were elected to prepare an order of exercises for the observance by our church of its semi-centennial anniversary, their report to be submitted to the committee at its next annual meeting for their approval: W. T. Hogue, A. Beers, B. R. Jones, T. Sully and A. Yates.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary and evangelist, gave his annual report. It was duly accepted. The following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That we believe the training of those who are to be employed as teachers in our Sunday-schools for that particular calling, if suitably managed, is a very desirable method of increasing Sunday-school efficiency; and that we endorse our Sunday-school secretary and teacher training board in their effort to promote this work."

The appeal case of Rev. J. H. Flower, general conference evangelist, who appealed from the verdict of the trial court appointed by the Central Illinois conference, which had found him guilty of all the charges preferred against him, was considered. The executive committee reversed the verdict of the lower court. Rev. F. D. Brooke and Rev. S. K. Wheatlake were counsel for the appellant and Rev. W. D. Cochran and Rev. B. F. Grigg for the church.

The committee recommended that Brother Flower give up his mission work in St. Louis and take the field in regular evangelistic work as general conference evangelist; and Bishop Jones was requested to go to St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of securing reconciliation in the society at that point, in co-operation with the pastor and the district elder.

On the recommendation of the general missionary board, Rev. W. B. Olmstead was elected to act in the place of Rev. B. Winget, missionary secretary, until such time as he may be able to resume the duties of his office.

The executive committee after considerable discussion and serious consideration passed the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the building committee of last year be instructed to negotiate the sale of the Ogden boulevard site at the best terms they can secure; and to purchase the Washington boulevard and May street site, and proceed to get out plans and erect a publishing house which they shall regard as suited to our denominational needs." Provision was made for increasing the size of the sub-committee to five members if such action is deemed wise.

Rev. B. H. Roberts offered the *Earnest Christian* to the publishing house for sale. After careful consideration, it was recommended that the magazine be purchased for five hundred dollars, that to include the good-will and mailing list.

Bishop W. T. Hogue was elected editor of *The Earnest Christian*, and B. H. Roberts was chosen as corresponding editor. The subscription price was fixed at one dollar a year in advance.

The apportionment for bishops' salaries for the coming year was fixed the same as last, namely, a sum equal to eighteen cents a member.

The church treasurer, S. K. J. Chesbro, submitted his annual report, which was duly accepted.



## BISHOPS' SALARIES.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1907-1908.

CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 32 40	\$ 32 40	North Minnesota.....	\$ 44 28	\$ 44 28
California.....	58 50	58 50	Ohio.....	181 08	181 08
Central Illinois.....	326 16	326 16	Oil City.....	324 18	324 18
Colorado.....	67 14	67 14	Oklahoma.....	147 06	147 06
Columbia River.....	54 36	54 36	Oregon.....	94 50	94 50
East Michigan.....	323 82	323 82	Pittsburg.....	271 44	271 44
East Ontario.....	119 88	119 88	Platte River.....	82 08	82 08
Genesee.....	288 18	288 18	South Africa.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	178 38	178 38	Southern California.....	87 84	87 84
Iowa.....	142 92	142 92	South Dakota.....	70 74	70 74
Kansas.....	163 98	163 98	Susquehanna.....	241 20	241 20
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	52 74	41 75	Texas.....	119 94	119 94
Louisiana.....	29 52	25 02	Wabash.....	176 94	176 94
Michigan.....	174 06	174 06	Washington.....	153 18	153 18
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	53 10	53 10	Western Canada.....	21 42	21 42
Missouri.....	46 08	46 08	West Iowa.....	90 36	90 36
Nebraska.....	66 78	66 78	West Ontario.....	122 22	122 22
New York.....	184 14	184 14	West Kansas.....	108 18	108 18
North Dakota.....	26 28	26 28	Wisconsin.....	133 02	133 02
North Indiana.....	80 10	80 10			
North Michigan.....	304 20	304 20	Total.....	\$5241 42	\$5255 93

## BISHOPS' SALARIES—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

To amount on hand October 1, 1907.....	\$1003 28
To amount of receipts to November 1, 1908.....	5465 80
Total receipts.....	\$6469 08
By amount paid four Bishops.....	\$5200 00
By amount of expenses charged to this fund.....	337 49
By amount on hand November 1, 1908.....	931 59
	\$6469 08

S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICERS

BISHOP WILSON T. HOGUE, President, A. YATES, M. D., Vice-president  
 REV. J. T. LOGAN, Recording Secretary  
 REV. MENDAL B. MILLER, Corresponding Secretary, THOMAS SULLY, Treasurer

The board met in annual session at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, October 13, 1908, Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, president, presiding.

Members present—Wilson T. Hogue, Edward P. Hart, Burton R. Jones, Walter A. Sellew, Mendal B. Miller, A. Beers, J. A. Watson, F. H. Ashcraft, B. D. Fay, T. Sully, A. Yates, I. Kessler, J. T. Logan.

The following named directors were elected: Wilson T. Hogue, Edward P. Hart, Burton R. Jones, Walter A. Sellew, Mendal B. Miller, A. Beers, J. A. Watson, F. H. Ashcraft, B. D. Fay, T. Sully, A. Yates, I. Kesler, A. W. Gillingham, G. M. Rowley, J. T. Logan.

The following is a synopsis of the business transacted by the board:

The following committees were elected:

On Appropriations—F. H. Ashcraft, B. D. Fay, J. T. Logan, Mendal B. Miller, I. Kesler.



The Auditing Committee—Walter A. Sellew, A. Beers, T. Sully.

On Cancellation of Loans—Burton R. Jones, A. Yates, G. M. Rowley.

On Location of Educational Institutions—Wilson T. Hogue, J. A. Watson,

A. W. Gillingham.

On Recognition of Schools—Edward P. Hart, J. T. Logan, A. Beers.

On Unpaid Loans—T. Sully, Mendal B. Miller.

On Revision of By-Laws—Wilson T. Hogue, A. Beers, Mendal B. Miller.

The treasurer's report was adopted.

W. T. Hogue and W. B. Olmstead were re-elected members of the Board of Directors of the Advisory Bureau.

The following loans were granted : D. M. Wells, \$40; W. I. Lively, \$60; H. L. Dibble, \$40; C. L. Munns, \$80; C. E. Hudson, \$80; S. M. Zellar, \$80; H. M. Williamson, \$75; W. A. Fish, \$45; M. E. Green, \$80; D. R. Lightner, \$100; F. E. Pond, \$80; H. L. Smith, \$60; H. S. Stewart, \$80; L. Kirk, \$40; — Ashman, \$75; — Spence, \$75; Mae Borton, \$50.

The Advisory Bureau submitted their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

## EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDREN'S FUNDS.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908.

CONFERENCE	Education Fund	Children's Fund	CONFERENCE	Education Fund	Children's Fund
Arkansas and Southern Missouri....	\$ 63	3 20	Ohio.....	\$ 8 11	12 15
California.....	2 50	6 75	Oil City.....	20 94	36 75
Central Illinois.....	8 20	13 71	Oklahoma.....	22 80	33 88
Colorado.....	4 45	7 64	Oregon.....		3 61
Columbia River.....	6 00	4 45	Pittsburg.....	10 69	27 08
East Michigan.....	24 63	18 15	Platte River.....		7 56
East Ontario.....	2 38	24	South Africa.....	10 00	
Genesee.....	14 12	60 80	Southern California.....	22 60	26 84
Illinois.....	13 62	20 17	South Dakota.....	1 96	5 25
Iowa.....	7 11	30 74	Susquehanna.....	3 51	22 68
Kansas.....	3 29	19 94	Texas.....		
Michigan.....		6 50	Wabash.....	6 15	14 19
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....		6 81	Washington.....	3 45	
Missouri.....	1 50	1 50	Western Canada.....		
Nebraska.....	20	12 87	West Iowa.....	3 03	7 18
New York.....	16 07	15 83	West Ontario.....		5 25
North Dakota.....	1 00	11 50	West Kansas.....	9 68	20 30
North Indiana.....	7 50	15 22	Wisconsin.....	62	10 36
North Michigan.....	1 50	30 09			
North Minnesota.....		26 05	Total.....	\$ 238 26	\$545 95

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Children's Fund—82 loans made.....	\$5020 00
11 loans paid in full.....	\$ 855 00
2 loans paid in part.....	46 50
Education Fund—28 loans made.....	2120 00
2 loans paid in full.....	275 00
Total loans made.....	\$7140 00
Amount paid.....	\$1176 50

## BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Pursuant to a notice duly published in the *Free Methodist*, the board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, October 21, 1908. The president of the board, Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, called the board to order.

Prayer was offered by J. M. Eagle.

The roll call showed thirteen members present.

S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer, gave his annual report. It was duly received.

In harmony with a recommendation of the treasurer, it was ordered that an amount equal to forty-five cents a member be raised the coming year for conference claimants.

The board duly considered the following paper which was presented by C. E. Harroun, Jr. It was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this board of claimants and claims hereby requests the bishops to ask of the conference the privilege to present to a public congregation, either personally or by some person whom they may designate, at each session of the annual conferences which they may hold until the next session of the general conference, the Permanent Fund for conference claimants—its nature, design, and the beneficiaries—and so solicit from the audience cash and subscriptions to said fund, as any are willing to give.

*Resolved*, Further, that all moneys received through such method shall be placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund as "special" and to be a part of said fund unless ordered otherwise by the general conference.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board of conference claimants adjourned.

## CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND.

Report from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908.

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 9 00	\$ 9 00	North Minnesota.....	\$ 13 30	\$ 12 30
California.....	16 25	16 25	Ohio.....	50 30	50 30
Central Illinois.....	90 60	54 95	Oil City.....	90 05	90 05
Colorado.....	18 65	18 65	Oklahoma.....	40 55	40 55
Columbia River.....	15 10	15 10	Oregon.....	26 25	26 25
East Michigan.....	89 95	89 95	Pittsburg.....	75 40	75 40
East Ontario.....	33 30	33 30	Platte River.....	22 80	22 80
Genesee.....	80 05	80 05	South Africa.....		
Illinois.....	49 65	49 55	Southern California.....	24 40	24 40
Iowa.....	39 70	39 70	South Dakota.....	19 65	19 65
Kansas.....	45 65	45 65	Susquehanna.....	67 00	67 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	14 65	10 00	Texas.....	33 15	33 15
Louisiana.....	8 20	6 65	Wabash.....	49 15	49 15
Michigan.....	48 35	48 35	Washington.....	42 55	42 55
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	14 75	13 75	Western Canada.....	1 96	5 95
Missouri.....	12 80	12 80	West Iowa.....	25 10	25 10
Nebraska.....	18 55	18 55	West Ontario.....	33 95	33 95
New York.....	51 15	51 15	West Kansas.....	30 05	30 05
North Dakota.....	7 30	7 30	Wisconsin.....	36 95	36 95
North Indiana.....	22 25	22 25			
North Michigan.....	84 50	84 50	Total.....	\$1455 65	\$1412 90

NOTE.—Total amount in this fund, November 1, 1908, \$7,652.93.

S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1908

CONFERENCE	Apportionment 1908	Paid, 1908	Claimants, 1908	Paid Claimants 1908	Claimants, 1909
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 72 00	\$ 72 00			
California.....	130 00	130 00	\$ 320 00	\$ 320 00	\$ 250 00
Central Illinois.....	724 80	724 80	565 00	565 00	760 00
Colorado.....	149 20	149 20	245 00	* 198 35	200 00
Columbia River.....	120 80	120 80	225 00	225 00	225 00
East Michigan.....	719 60	719 60	906 00	875 00	730 00
East Ontario.....	268 40	276 40			
Genesee.....	640 40	640 40	1425 00	1425 00	1250 00
Illinois.....	396 40	396 40	375 00	375 00	375 00
Iowa.....	317 60	317 60	150 00	150 00	250 00
Kansas.....	364 40	364 40	455 00	455 00	830 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	117 20	81 44			
Louisiana.....	85 60	85 60			
Michigan.....	386 80	386 80	460 00	460 00	715 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	118 00	118 00	710 00	700 00	705 00
Missouri.....	102 40	102 40	100 00	100 00	100 00
Nebraska.....	148 40	149 40	76 00	76 00	
New York.....	409 20	409 20	325 00	325 00	272 00
North Dakota.....	58 40	58 40	25 00	25 00	25 00
North Indiana.....	178 00	178 00	95 00	95 00	95 00
North Michigan.....	676 00	676 00	725 00	725 00	825 00
North Minnesota.....	98 40	98 40	95 00	95 00	45 00
Ohio.....	402 40	402 40	70 00	70 00	135 00
Oil City.....	720 00	720 00	92 00	92 00	72 00
Oklahoma.....	326 80	326 80	335 00	335 00	325 00
Oregon.....	210 00	210 00	100 00	100 00	400 00
Pittsburg.....	603 20	603 20	45 00		
Platte River.....	182 40	182 40			
Southern California.....	195 20	195 20	775 00	775 00	1275 00
South Dakota.....	157 20	157 20			45 00
Susquehanna.....	536 00	536 00	1245 00	1245 00	1335 00
Texas.....	265 20	265 00	25 00	25 00	
Wabash.....	393 20	393 20	240 00	240 00	340 00
Washington.....	340 40	340 40	300 00	300 00	380 00
Western Canada.....	47 60	47 60			
West Iowa.....	200 80	200 80	440 00	440 00	400 00
West Ontario.....	271 60	271 60	45 00	45 00	45 00
West Kansas.....	240 40	240 40	45 00	45 00	45 00
Wisconsin.....	235 60	235 60	465 00	465 00	415 00
Total.....	11647 20	11611 44	11498 00	11366 35	12924 00

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Pursuant to a notice published in the *Free Methodist*, the board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, October 21, 1908, at 10:45 o'clock a. m.

By appointment of the president, C. E. Harroun, Jr., presided.

Prayer was offered by W. S. Stephens.

Fourteen members answered to the roll call.

By ballot, the members of the board of directors of the general missionary board were elected members of the board of directors of the church extension board. The *personnel* of such board is as follows: Walter A. Sellew, Burton R. Jones, W. W. Vinson, J. S. M'Geary, Mrs. M. M. Robinson.

The treasurer, S. K. J. Chesbro, read his annual report, which was duly received.

The chairman of the special committee to consider the several applications for aid from this board, read the list of applications and the recommendation of the committee in each case. The recommendations were considered item by item.

The minutes were read and, on motion, were approved.

On motion, the board of church extension adjourned.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1908-1909

CONFERENCES	CIRCUIT OR CHARGE	AMOUNT
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.	Antioch. . . . .	\$ 85 00
California . . . . .	Sacramento. . . . .	150 00
Central Illinois. . . . .	Vermont, Ray and Bethany. . . . .	100 00
Central Illinois. . . . .	Ipava. . . . .	200 00
Colorado. . . . .	Colorado City. . . . .	125 00
East Michigan. . . . .	Marine City (Renewal). . . . .	75 00
East Michigan. . . . .	Rose City. . . . .	85 00
Iowa. . . . .	Des Moines. . . . .	200 00
Kansas. . . . .	Caldwell and Doster. . . . .	75 00
Missouri. . . . .	St. Joseph. . . . .	160 00
Nebraska. . . . .	Mount Zion and Bonesteel. . . . .	100 00
Nebraska. . . . .	Gregory. . . . .	100 00
Nebraska. . . . .	Louisville. . . . .	70 00
New York. . . . .	Brooklyn (Additional). . . . .	100 00
New York. . . . .	Baltimore and Alesia. . . . .	29 00
New York. . . . .	Baltimore and Alesia. . . . .	200 00
North Indiana. . . . .	Upland and College Corners. . . . .	70 00
North Michigan. . . . .	Rose Lake and Harding. . . . .	50 00
North Michigan. . . . .	Evart. . . . .	112 00
North Michigan. . . . .	Altona, Rushford, etc. . . . .	50 00
North Michigan. . . . .	Elm Hall and Sumner. . . . .	50 00
Oklahoma. . . . .	Paladin and Beaver City. . . . .	65 00
Pittsburg. . . . .	Atlanta, Georgia. . . . .	200 00
Southern California. . . . .	Watts and Compton. . . . .	65 00
Susquehanna. . . . .	Alton (Conditional). . . . .	75 00
Texas. . . . .	San Marcos. . . . .	70 00
Western Canada. . . . .	Estevan. . . . .	105 00
Western Canada. . . . .	Moose Jaw (Renewal). . . . .	140 00
West Kansas. . . . .	Beloit and Glen Elder. . . . .	150 00
Total. . . . .		\$3,056 00
Office expenses. . . . .		200 00
Grand total. . . . .		\$3,256 00

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

## TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908.

CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCES	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri....	\$ 18 00	\$ 18 00	North Minnesota.....	\$ 24 60	\$ 24 60
California.....	32 50	32 50	Ohio.....	100 60	100 60
Central Illinois.....	181 20	181 20	Oil City.....	180 10	180 10
Colorado.....	37 30	37 30	Oklahoma.....	81 70	81 70
Columbia River.....	30 20	30 20	Oregon.....	52 60	52 60
East Michigan.....	179 90	179 99	Pittsburg.....	150 80	150 80
East Ontario.....	66 60	66 60	Platte River.....	45 60	45 60
Genesee.....	160 10	160 10	South Africa.....		
Illinois.....	99 10	99 10	Southern California.....	48 80	48 80
Iowa.....	79 40	79 40	South Dakota.....	39 30	39 30
Kansas.....	91 10	91 10	Susquehanna.....	134 00	134 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	29 30	25 00	Texas.....	66 80	66 30
Louisiana.....	16 40	13 30	Wabash.....	98 30	98 30
Michigan.....	96 70	96 70	Washington.....	85 10	85 10
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	29 50	15 27	Western Canada.....	11 90	11 90
Missouri.....	25 60	25 60	West Iowa.....	60 20	60 20
Nebraska.....	37 10	37 10	West Ontario.....	67 90	67 90
New York.....	102 30	102 30	West Kansas.....	60 10	60 10
North Dakota.....	14 60	14 60	Wisconsin.....	73 90	73 90
North Indiana.....	44 50	44 50			
North Michigan.....	169 00	169 00	Total .....	\$2912 10	\$2890 47

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount on hand October 1, 1907.....	\$599 93
Total receipts from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908.....	2887 44
Paid appropriations, 1906-1907.....	\$ 550 00
Paid appropriations, 1907-1908.....	2295 00
Paid expenses.....	234 31
Balance on hand.....	408 06
Total.....	\$3487 37 \$3487 37

CHURCH EXTENSION  
Appropriations Paid, 1907-1908

Central Illinois.....	\$ 50 00	Oregon.....	100 00
East Michigan.....	75 00	Platte River.....	75 00
East Ontario.....	150 00	South Dakota.....	150 00
Illinois.....	150 00	Susquehanna.....	60 00
Iowa.....	50 00	West Iowa.....	30 00
Kansas.....	215 00	West Kansas.....	65 00
Michigan.....	400 00	Wisconsin.....	75 00
Nebraska.....	50 00		
New York.....	75 00		\$2295 00
North Indiana.....	125 00	Paid appropriations, 1906 and 1907.....	550 00
North Michigan.....	75 00	Amount of expenses.....	234 31
Ohio.....	100 00		
Oklahoma.....	225 00	Total.....	\$3079 31

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

## MEMBERS

BISHOP WALTER A. SELLEW, <i>President</i> , BISHOP BURTON R. JONES, REV. BENJAMIN WINGET, <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Missionary Secretary</i>,</div> REV. J. M. EAGLE (Second District), REV. W. W. VINSON (Fourth District), W. B. BERTELS (First District), W. S. STEPHENS (Third District), W. W. STEWART (Fifth District), MRS. M. M. ROBINSON (W. F. M. S.),	BISHOP EDWARD P. HART, BISHOP WILSON T. HOGUE, REV. J. S. M'GEARY (First District), REV. C. E. HARROUN, JR., <div style="text-align: center;">(Third District),</div> REV. W. W. BRUCE (Fifth District), C. L. OSGOOD (Second District), F. W. WARREN (Fourth District), MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW (W. F. M. S.), MRS. ADELAIDE L. BEERS (W. F. M. S.).
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(S. K. J. Chesbro, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, is treasurer of the board, but not a member. All moneys for foreign missions should be sent him, except the money raised by the W. F. M. S., which should be sent to Mrs. Lillian Camp Jensen).

## PROCEEDINGS

The general missionary board met pursuant to a notice published in the *Free Methodist*, at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, October 14, 1908, at two o'clock p. m.

The president, Bishop Walter A. Sellew, called the board to order and presided.

The president announced the hymn entitled, "Triumphs of the Gospel," after which he read a portion of Philippians, second chapter. Prayer was offered by J. S. M'Geary.

The missionary secretary, Rev. Benjamin Winget, was kept from attendance upon the several sittings of the board on account of sickness. J. S. M'Geary was elected secretary *pro tem*. W. B. Bertels and F. W. Warren were also absent.

Twenty-one sittings were held, and two sittings of the board of directors.

The annual report of the missionary secretary was read, as follows: It was duly received.

## MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge, with thanksgiving, the manifold mercies and signal blessings of God to us as a people upon our missionary work, both on the home and foreign fields; and not only to us as a people, but to all who are laboring in sincerity to extend the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to those in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Since the last annual meeting of the board, we have been called to mourn and to rejoice; the former on account of the death of two of our missionaries; the latter, on account of the reports of victory and of revivals which have come to us from the several mission fields. The interest manifested in the work by the church at home has been gratifying, considering the financial



stringency of the past months. In some conferences the offerings have not been so large as formerly; while in others the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial has been shown by increased gifts for missions.

The presence and labors of the several missionaries home on furlough have given a great impetus to the work, not only in general information and education, but in spirituality. They have labored untiringly for the work to which God has called them, and for which they have counted not their lives dear unto themselves. The interest so increasingly manifest on the part of our Sunday-schools and Junior societies has been a great encouragement. Our young people in our seminaries have shown a considerable interest in this cause, especially the Student Volunteer Band at our college at Greenville, Illinois.

The total receipts for foreign missions for all purposes the past year has been \$53,243.45. The total amount reported last year was \$56,285.86. Of the amount raised this year, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has raised \$33,703.03, or 63 per cent of the moneys raised. Last year this society raised \$39,242.60. The missionaries on the fields have received in gifts for all purposes, \$304.78, as compared with \$488 received last year. This shows that there has been a decrease over the grand total of last year of \$3,215.63. The average amount paid by each member of our church for foreign missions this year has been \$1.83, according to the church treasurer's report.

There are yet many circuits where no offerings are reported as raised either by the pastors or by the Woman's societies. We are praying that the time will soon come when all our people in every conference will do all in their power that the glorious gospel of Christ may be carried to those in the darkness of idolatry and superstition in foreign lands; and also that the needy places in our own land may be speedily evangelized.

Our missionaries on the foreign field generally consider that they are called to preach a higher standard of Christianity than most other churches do. It is about as with our work in the home land. Considering even South Africa, the country has been evangelized to some extent, but it will take some time for the people to have a comprehensive view of what is embraced in the Bible type of Christianity.

### AFRICA

The reports received by your secretary from this field have been very encouraging, and show that progress is being made in temporal and along spiritual lines. It is a matter of great thanksgiving that none of our missionaries have died, and that all have been quite generally preserved in health, excepting Sister Lilla Ryff. In answer to the prayers of the church, and special care given her, she is now fully restored to health. Furloughs have been requested for three of our workers, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Haley, who have been on the field several years, and for Sister Lucy Hartman, who has labored acceptably there for ten years. Two missionaries from this field are now home on furlough. The workers on the field have been greatly encouraged because of the reinforcements sent them the past year. Those who have gone to that field since our last annual meeting are Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Ghormley, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Kessel, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Anderson, Miss Ethel Cook and F. Grace Allen, who has returned from her furlough. Sister Luella Newton accompanied Brother Kessel's family. She is an applicant for appointment as a missionary on that field. She is proving herself capable.

INHAMBANE.—In my last annual report, the needs of our work here were briefly stated. It was mentioned that reinforcements should be provided for Brother and Sister Haley, who were toiling on under great burdens. At the last conference, Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Smith and Miss Ethel Cook were sent to assist in the work. Twenty-three native evangelists were appointed to assist them. There has been an increase in the children supported. The scholarships now number over 220. The board has seen the necessity for providing a missionary for this field who could teach the native workers, and the Portuguese language. One man was sent out by the board two years ago, but

he soon returned home. There is an imperative need there for a training school for native workers and a teacher for this work. Brother J. W. Haley says in a communication under date of August 27, 1908, "Now even though you [the board] do appoint a man for us, and it is a sinful procrastination not to make an effort, it will be two years before he can help us, as he must get both Portuguese and a native language before he would be entitled to a license under present regulations." For the information of all concerned, we give herewith a few excerpts of the law relating to mission work in the Province of Mozambique:

"(2) In the first three years after the publication of this order (December 14, 1907), instruction will be given in either the Portuguese language or the native language of the country, and only such books may be used in teaching as have been officially approved.

"(3) No person either white or colored will be allowed to teach in the schools of the province who is not able to speak the native language or who does not know the Portuguese language.

"(6) No person will be allowed to teach in a native school who has not been examined by either the governor of the district, administrator of the circumscription, Capita-Mor, military commandant, or other local authority, and proved that he has a good knowledge of the native language of the district in which the school is to be opened, and of the Portuguese language.

"(7) The provisions of Articles 3 and 6 shall come into full force within a year from the date of the 'Official Gazette,' in which the law is published, during which period the schools already in existence should conform with the terms of said law."

Brother Haley thinks this a very good law and that it will do them much good; also that they would have found it difficult to reorganize without it. The law has been expected for several years. It seems reasonable that we are as much in duty bound to teach the Portuguese natives the Portuguese language as we are to teach the British natives the English language. We should get our evangelists into school at once and train them for the work while they are with us. Brother J. W. Haley writes that they now have a half-caste, at three pounds a month, who, while he may not have the exact pronunciation, and morally may not be all that is desired, yet is a good teacher. With his assistance the missionaries are studying hard; and they hope to be able to secure the required license by the appointed time. The missionaries have requested the governor to appoint a Portuguese instructor for all the missionaries in the district. They seemed to think they would be able to secure a man who knew English. We learn that there are twenty of the evangelists now in school. They could have more if they encouraged them to come. Some of them may stay at their stations until the close of the year. The religious services will be carried on as heretofore, and the children will be given religious instruction. There should be no falling off in donations for this work at Inhambane. The work seems much more encouraging than ever before, for which we offer praise to God.

The health of Brother and Sister J. W. Haley has been remarkably preserved. Sister Haley has had no fever and Brother Haley but one attack which lasted about a week, leaving both spleen and liver enlarged. These are not considered serious afflictions, yet are an indication that his powers of resistance are being reduced. For him to have a furlough now seems the part of wisdom, that his health may be regained, and he then be permitted to again take up his work. Besides Sister Haley's other work, she has accompanied her husband on his trips, and in her travels has penetrated farther than any other white lady. The missionaries voted at their last annual meeting requesting the board to grant them a furlough.

Brother Haley's power of attorney has been legalized in Lisbon and is now ready for use. There has been a considerable increase in church membership during the year. A new school building has been erected, but was not at the last reports fully completed. It has been used for school and church purposes. The ordination of one of the native evangelists to the office of local deacon is

requested, so soon as the missionaries are fully convinced that he is fully competent for such orders.

**FAIR VIEW.**—Good reports come to your secretary from this field, which are a source of much encouragement to "those who are holding the ropes" in the home land. Rev. G. G. Kessel was at the last annual conference session elected district elder for the Inland and Coast districts, and, is also pastor at Fair View. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Woods have been received as full members of the missionaries meetings. The year opened up there with some especially discouraging conditions, so it was reported to your secretary; but in answer to prevailing prayer God has poured out upon them copious showers of grace, and they have witnessed a revival of religion. Many were converted or reclaimed and many additions have been made to the church. Sister Agnew and those associated with her, often labored day and night and have "prayed without ceasing."

**FAIR VIEW FARM.**—There has been a continual outlay for the farm, as shown from the financial statements. Brother Woods has planted bananas and he reports they are growing nicely and hopes for a crop from them next year. Brother Ryff expresses it as his opinion that Brother Woods is a good man for the place; that it needs just such a man as he that should do the work in connection with the farm. He is careful and painstaking. Many a farmer in Africa during the past several months has not only made no money but has gone under. There are many other ways in which this farm is of special value to us aside from financial remuneration to the board.

**GERMISTON.**—The close of the year found the missionaries there well in body and blessed in soul. Some fruits have been reaped at the several preaching places on the circuit. However, the work there is largely a time of seed sowing. Some of the boys who have been converted under Brother and Sister Jules Ryff's labors and those associated with them, have been preaching to their own people in Portuguese Africa with success and without financial assistance. There is an urgent call from them for a white missionary to help and direct them in evangelistic work. They should not be kept waiting too long. Brother Ryff thinks it will be necessary to discontinue the white services in order that the native work can have the attention given it that it requires. The missionaries at the last annual meeting decided that in view of the increasing work there among the natives, the white services be discontinued. In another communication Brother Ryff states that since their return from conference they do not find it so easy to give up the white services as they thought. Brother Ryff further says: "Things have been more interesting of late, and I wonder if, after all, we can afford to leave these people without the pure and undefiled truth." The people seem to stick to them, especially so long as they do not see another denomination established. Four native evangelists are assisting in the work on the circuit. Brother Ryff was elected at the last annual meeting as the representative of the government in the British Colonies. Brother and Sister Ryff are very thankful, and sincerely appreciated the prayers and other expressions of sympathy for them during the trying and testing time of Sister Ryff's sickness.

**BALENI'S.**—Paul Cele is the native evangelist now laboring among this people. It is still largely a time of seed sowing here, but we understand a few sheaves have been gathered in. So far as white missionaries are concerned, this people have been practically left alone. Paul has no doubt done his best. He reports that some of the heathen are beginning to be troubled on account of their sins, and that the prospects are that in "due time" many will be "turned from darkness to light." It is hoped that ere long they may have the services of a white missionary.

**EDWALENI.**—In the midst of various discouraging features, Brother Smith believes this station has held its own. Many changes have been made in the persons in charge during the six years of its existence as a mission station, making it difficult to do good work; as it takes some time for any missionary to win the confidence of the natives. Dr. Backenstoe and his wife are doing well in the work assigned them, but he feels he could labor to far greater

advantage in the work of a medical missionary. One hundred and seventy-four patients have received 314 treatments during the year. He and his wife have seen some accessions to the church during this time. One native evangelist assists them in the work. Dr. Backenstoe thinks there is no more healthy location in Africa than Edwaleni. The mission house there needs extensive repairing at once. At the last annual meeting of the missionaries the vote was unanimous in favor of locating the training school here, one of the missionaries not voting. The training school is located on the west end of Edwaleni, while the mission is situated on the east end.

ITEMBA.—The last or fourth session of the conference was held at this station, and was reported as the best conference yet held in South Africa. Sister Hartman has been greatly blest in her work and enters upon a new year with faith and courage. There is a strong class of native Christians here, which is a monument to those who have carried on the work. The past year has been one of blessing. Sister Hartman has overseen the work of building a good chapel at one of the out-stations this year. It has been paid for out of the collection money, no money for its erection being asked for from the board. Most of the work was done by the evangelists and native Christians. The services in the kraals and chapel have been kept up; also Sunday-school and class-meetings. The revival meetings resulted in great good. The day school has been interesting. The native teacher is a success, and the children are reported as doing well in their studies. The evangelists have been diligent. Sister Maude Cretors is proving a valuable worker. She is almost entirely supported by her own people in America. The missionaries have recommended that Sister Hartman be granted a furlough.

GREENVILLE.—A few sheaves have been gathered in at this place. Several probationers were added during the year and quite a number of the heathen have sought the Lord. The work has been in charge of Sister Margaret A. Nickel. Our native evangelist assists in the work. In a recent communication Brother A. M. Anderson writes that their school at this station opened two weeks ago and has taken on the aspect of a girls' school. There are eighteen girls now enrolled and more may come. They have no money to pay for books, clothing or board. The missionaries do not feel like turning them away, but will endeavor to take them in and educate and Christianize them so far as possible. The girls are coming from all directions. Some of them have no parents, some have run away from home, and others have their parent's consent. He states they greatly need a hut for the girls to use for kitchen and sleeping purposes. This would cost about fifteen dollars. They also need blankets for sleeping purposes and cloth for clothing. As they have thirty acres of land there he is planning to make gardens for the girls to work in after school hours. The girls range from the ages of eight to eighteen years. This station is situated in a thickly settled country where they do not have to go far to reach the people. The people are right at their doors.

IBISI—*East Griqualand*.—Brother and Sister A. E. Haley and their helpers have faithfully sown the precious seed. He has had to devote no small part of the past year to building and so has been hindered from giving so much attention to evangelistic work. The house is now practically completed. The Wesleyan native evangelists surround our station here, and some think this is the greatest hindrance to our work. The interest in the school has increased. The services at the mission are fairly well attended and deep interest is shown at times. Some have been saved and baptized. Brother Haley was elected to elder's orders at the last conference and was ordained.

In general there is great reason for encouragement on all the African fields. We may well say, "What hath God wrought?" Many perplexing problems have arisen from time to time, among them being the practise among the natives of "lobolosa." We trust proper decisions may be reached regarding this and other matters of administration brought to the attention of this board by the missionaries. It is fitting before leaving this part of the report to call attention to the book recently issued by Sister Brodhead, entitled, "Mission Work in South and East Africa." It is having a large sale.

Communicants added last year, 153.



## INDIA

Since the beginning of our work in this country, continued and severe tests have come to our missionaries. We cannot but believe that God will yet visit this field in an especial manner, even in a greater out-pouring of the Spirit, that there may be a great harvest as the result of the prayers and efforts of our people at home and of our true and tried missionaries on the field. The missionaries are doing well in acquiring the language. A blessed spirit of unity and love prevails and all are laboring together with one heart and soul. There is a special request for two men and their wives and one young lady to be sent out in the near future. Since the last annual meeting, reinforcements have been sent to this field. They were Sister Mata D. Allee, Edith M. Santee, Rose Cox, who has been home on a furlough; and Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor, now on their return voyage thither. Brother and Sister M. C. Clarke and Effie L. Southworth recently returned home for a much needed rest.

The whole church has been called to mourn together with our missionaries there, on account of the sad death of our esteemed and faithful laborer, Miss Mary E. Chynoweth. She died at the post of duty and with victory. The cause of her decease was a virulent form of smallpox. The end came at Yeotmal, India, January 29, 1908. Sister Chynoweth was possessed of rare gifts and graces, a superior character and was deeply spiritual. She was very proficient in the Marathi language. We sorrow, but know that our loss is her eternal gain. We cannot understand in regard to her departure, but leave it with Him who doeth all things well, and wait for the mists to be cleared away in the brighter morning, when clouds and sorrows shall never come. The following resolution was adopted by our India missionaries at their last annual meeting:

"INASMUCH as we have sustained the loss of our dear sister, Mary E. Chynoweth, who, by her faithfulness to duty, her zeal for the lost of earth and her holy life which shown brightly in the midst of the heathen darkness of India, endeared herself to all; and

INASMUCH as we feel that a substantial memorial be erected in loving remembrance of her:

*Resolved*, That a fitting tombstone be erected over her last resting place; and that a committee be appointed to receive funds and purchase the tombstone."

A resolution was passed by the missionaries expressing themselves very favorable to the opening up of a new station at Pandur Kawri at once. It is said to be a very needy and promising field. The rules governing native workers, and the Catechism have been translated into Marathi. The second year's course of study for native workers has been prepared and adopted. It is the consensus of opinion among our missionaries there that the first period on that field is too long, and should be changed from seven to five years. The people listen well to the gospel messages in the out-villages.

The industrial work is in good condition, this being brought about largely through the labors of Brother M. C. Clarke. In his annual report, Brother Clarke states that "We cannot wonder that the Brahmins hate us, and especially the school work that we are doing, because they see in these educated people the confutation of every idea that they have been teaching the people for years; that is, that the lower castes cannot rise and cannot become educated. \* \* \* These missionary schools have refuted this idea. Last year we sent one of our boys to the Anglo-Vernacular school in Yeotmal. He started in two months and a half late and at the end of the year came out first in his examination in Sanskrit, over the boys of the whole Brahmin community." He further reports real progress in all of the departments the past year. There is an improvement in the quality of the work done, and a corresponding increase of interest in the work on the part of the boys. The boys who have completed the theoretical course have work in practical carpentry and cabinet making. More than 1,800 visitors have inspected the work done. This

makes friends for the work and helps greatly to break down prejudice. It is expected that many of these boys will make very effective workers in that needy district, as they understand us and know what it means to be converted, and are acquainted with our usages and doctrines.

The government officials have recognized the superiority of this industrial school. It surely is among the children that the greatest work of evangelizing and Christianizing India is to be done. Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Edwards have been placed in charge of the Boys' Orphanage for the coming year, and Sister Gertrude Alcorn in charge of the Girls' Orphanage.

There is still a strong feeling of unrest in some parts of India against foreigners. It is no child's play to do the work of a missionary in this dark land—the land of idolatry, caste and superstition. The new bungalow at Darwah is completed. It surpasses all the other mission houses in stability, comfort and conveniences. In this work Sister Ward has rendered valuable assistance to her husband. Brother and Sister E. F. Ward are seeing some fruit from their many years of faithful labors in this country for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ. In addition to his many duties and labors, Brother Ward has performed a great service for the church by preparing the manuscript for a new book on India and her people. It has been issued by our publishing house, and deserves a large sale. Some of the natives who have heard the gospel have afterward called on our missionaries for further instruction. Our missionaries in India, as well as on all the other mission fields, should have the continued prayers of the church. The government has given a nice lot of land at Darwah for a school and for a native workers' home. This may be considered by you at this meeting.

Communicants added last year, 11.

## JAPAN

We are pleased to report that the work in Japan is no less encouraging than last year. The spirit of unity and harmony prevail, binding all the missionaries closely together, as also the native Christians and workers. They have seen much fruit in this land so recently opened to the gospel. The missionaries have been assisted by a noble band of spiritual native helpers. They have done well in the part of the work assigned to them. The missionaries have expressed themselves as having many reasons for thanksgiving and praise to God, although often they have been brought face to face with problems that have sorely taxed their grace and wisdom. One especially encouraging feature is the Sunday-school work. The missionaries are putting forth special effort in this direction. It surely pays greatly to toil on and continue to sacrifice that the true light may reach all this people.

Brother Youngren reports that they try from time to time to urge the native Christians to give of their means toward the support of the gospel; and with the exception of a few, he thinks they are doing as much as they are able. The island people are poor, as a rule, and are heavily taxed by the government.

Reinforcements have been sent out since the last annual meeting in the persons of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Meikle of Wisconsin, and Minnie K. Hessler of Syracuse, New York. Brother and Sister Matthias Klein, in harmony with action taken by the board, have been received there to labor among us. They are proving very acceptable and spiritual workers. The new missionaries are reported as making good progress in the study of the Japanese language. Brother and Sister W. F. Matthewson have returned home for a furlough and will be present at this meeting. They have labored faithfully on that field, and have been blessed of God to the salvation of many souls. They were on the field about five and one half years.

The missionaries have taken action providing that regular quarterly meetings be held at each station in order to provide spiritual fellowship and encouragement to the missionaries laboring at the stations more isolated. They request that a suitable young lady be sent out as soon as possible to assist in



the work. Brother Kawabe reports a real revival spirit among the Osaka people. For various reasons, which will no doubt be explained at this meeting, the erection of a new dormitory has been postponed. Fifteen converts have been baptized and added to the church in Sumoto under the labors of Brother and Sister August Youngren.

On account of the greatly increased cost of living in Japan since the Japanese-Russian war, also the customs duties since the war being increased on an average about forty per cent. on imported goods, the missionaries urgently request that an extra allowance be made for them, in order that they may render the more efficient service in the work to which God and the church has called them. This request seems very reasonable.

The young people in the training school are choice and are doing well in their studies. They are consecrated to God's service. It is thought by several of our missionaries that the plan of supporting individuals is not the best. To them it seems better to put all moneys in the general fund, and see to it that the hands of the board are not tied for funds. As the work has begun and has thus far been so successfully carried forward, we pray it may be continued in the years to come.

Communicants added last year, 15.

### CHINA

The missionaries on this field, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home and all our people have been called to mourn this year on account of the death of Sister Lillie M. Peterson. She had been compelled to return home on account of rapidly failing health. It was a grief to her to have her work so soon terminated. She reached Seattle, Washington, on March 16, 1908, and did not again leave home until released by death on June 4, 1908. She was diligent in the study of the language and looked forward to being on a station with the other single ladies where they together might carry on the work of God. The Lord greatly blessed her influence among the Chinese during her brief ministry. We all mourn with her parents, who have shown such great interest in our work and who have contributed so generously for the founding of our work in China. The influence of her life, as also that of Sister Clara Leffingwell, will plead eloquently for others to take up the work where they, in God's providence, were compelled to lay it down.

Our other missionaries on the field have been generally well preserved in health and strength, and are encouraged in the conflict. We learn with pleasure that in several places there have been outpourings of the Holy Spirit on the church there. We pray that these may be but drops before a mighty shower, thus causing the work to grow numerically and spiritually. The idea of our departed Clara Leffingwell was that each of the eighteen provinces in the Empire should have a Free Methodist mission. God always regards such large faith. Some of our workers there approve of the idea that to each male missionary there should be a native force of about a dozen suitable helpers so soon as they can be secured.

China is surely ready for a great forward movement on the part of the church. We have never before had such grand opportunities of influencing so many millions of people for Jesus Christ. Reinforcements have been sent out the past year in the persons of Sisters Edith Francis Jones and Lucy H. Tittemore. Brother George D. Schlosser has been transferred from Africa to China. He reached that field the latter part of March last. These new missionaries are reported as being in good health, of strong faith and courage and are making good progress in the study of the language. The other missionaries are usually well and are seeing some fruit. One native worker especially, Wang Sin Cheng (Perfectly New King), is proving faithful and is much blest in his work. Four native evangelists have assisted in the work a part of the year. The Bible woman who assisted Sister Florence Scofield last year was from the Presbyterian mission. She will not be available for another year.

The territory to be evangelized is large and thickly populated. Many vil-

lages and cities in some of the provinces make it a desirable mission field. It is very gratifying to hear that in several places serious concern is being shown in the gospel messages.

We are pleased to learn of the kind and friendly interest taken by the Presbyterian mission in Brother and Sister Fred J. Fletcher, in their sickness and affliction some time since. As yet no property has been secured in Kai Feng Fu, so it appears necessary to continue to rent there, probably at least for a year yet. The missionaries desire to enter a city of the third rank about thirty miles south of Cheng Chow. It is still unoccupied by any mission, but probably will not remain so long.

Some souls have been definitely helped of the Lord and many thousands have heard the gospel message. A few have openly and fully taken a stand for Christ. There have been several inquirers at Yungsti Hsien and are thought ready for baptism.

Necessarily there has been some delay in the orphanage work. Brother and Sister Fletcher are reported to have been laboring faithfully in the work committed to them. Continue to pray much for this great field already white unto the harvest.

### SANTO DOMINGO

In harmony with the action of the board at its last annual meeting, reinforcements so long needed were sent out to this island to assist Sister Esther D. Clark, who has for several years faithfully labored as a Free Methodist missionary. Those who have gone out are Doctor and Mrs. W. C. Willing of the Illinois conference, Miss Nellie Whiffen, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy C. Nichols. Sister Willing did not go out as a board missionary. The Lord has blessed our Sister Clark's labors there. Brother Winans seems to be taking hold of the work well. The field presents many perplexing problems, but we believe the missionaries there are bent on seeing the work permanently established on a good basis. Sister Clark reports that a native, Pedro Maria Diaz, feels especially called to labor for the salvation of his own countrymen. Let us pray much for these workers and for the native converts, that abundant fruit may be garnered in for Christ. Roman Catholicism has been a great curse to these people, but as the light comes, many will turn to Christ.

Brother Willing writes, under date of August 25th, that he is receiving enough for his practise to warrant his trying to support himself, and so asks nothing from the board. He reports the outlook as good for the missionary work.

At their annual meeting held on the seventeenth day of August, they adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, First, That we consider it the better plan to begin work in the Central Valley, north of the Cibao range of mountains for the following reasons: 1. It is by far the most densely populated. 2. It is much more accessible, being quite level, and the larger towns in nearer proximity one to the other. 3. It is the most productive and salubrious part of the island. 4. We are here, the work is at hand, and it means much to move in this country.

*Resolved*, Second, That in our opinion the attitude of S. E. Mills, of Santiago, towards all sects is unchanged, and that he does not look with favor upon our occupation of this territory; and that the attitude of his converts is generally favorable to our work so far as they understand it."

### CEYLON

We have only one missionary laboring in this field, Sister Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe. She has reported some good meetings and considerable good work done among the children. No definite statistics are available for this field.

### PERSONAL REPORT

I have held meetings in twelve different states and in several conferences, including Western Canada. In addition to these labors, I have had an in-

creasing correspondence concerning both the home and the foreign field. I have traveled over 10,000 miles and have preached many times. I have received two donations of \$1,000 each for foreign missions.

B. WINGET.

The following were severally elected directors of the board: Burton R. Jones, J. S. McGeary, W. W. Vinson, Walter A. Sellew and Mrs. M. M. Robinson.

The auditor submitted his report as follows: "I have audited the books and accounts of the treasurer and found them properly and correctly kept. I found that nearly all payments had proper vouchers for the same, except the personal accounts of the missionaries. On account of this method heretofore employed in keeping their accounts, the auditor could not satisfactorily audit these accounts, but he believes them to be all correct. On the suggestion of the auditor, the treasurer keeps individual accounts with each missionary, and he expects that there will be no trouble in auditing these accounts. I also examined the bank books, showing the accounts of these funds, and found the amounts correct and on deposit as represented in the book accounts. I also examined the securities represented on the books and found them to be good and as represented. This audit was made from April 1, 1907, to April 1, 1908. (Signed),  
WALTER A. SELLEW."

The report was duly adopted.

General Conference Evangelist C. W. Stamp submitted his report, which was, on motion, received:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA:

The mercy of our heavenly Father has been over us during the year and we are, therefore, able to report success in our department of the work of the church.

Following your instructions to labor three-fourths of the time in New England in new fields, we have held revivals in a number of places in Massachusetts, Maine and Connecticut. The results have been good for the Free Methodist church.

Several new societies have been organized during the year and our new district is taking on the strength of a mature work. We now have new organizations at Clinton, Massachusetts; Marlboro, Massachusetts; Worcester, Massachusetts; Hampton, Connecticut; Springfield, Massachusetts; and North Adams, Massachusetts. We have also a beginning at Hartford, Connecticut.

In the state of Maine, we have held revivals in several different localities and have some very encouraging openings which probably will develop into Free Methodist churches.

One important thing in connection with the opening of new fields is to secure permanent houses of worship for the new societies. Though with some difficulty, we have been able to rent suitable buildings for all the classes. The Lord, we think, assisted in this. Some of these churches and halls are held at high rent. We have to pay as high as \$200 for some. Others are rented much cheaper.

The preachers now in charge of these churches, including the district elder, have united with us during our revivals on the new field. They are men of strength and devotion. They are spiritual and radical, though sweet and tender in the administration of the truth. All of them are true to our issues as a denomination and labor earnestly to build up the church. Three of these men were received into the Susquehanna conference last year, two in full connection and one on trial. Two were received on trial this year.

During the year we have had three young men laboring for us in band work. They have used our tabernacles purchased for the bands. Their work was made a blessing to the church. Besides these young men, other workers have done excellent work. We have now a preacher and his wife who will labor during the year as our assistants in evangelistic meetings. This minis-

ter and his wife were appointed by the Susquehanna conference at our request.

We have had some gain in membership and societies the past year, though there has been some falling off on some circuits. It is sad to say, there has been a little division at two points. Through the influence of the enemy, nine of our members have withdrawn from the church. Others have taken their places, but we are sorry and grieved that these could not have been held.

The character of the services is that of spirituality, power and life. Our first camp-meeting held on the New England district was a most blessed meeting. It will never be forgotten. The district meetings, all-day meetings and regular services of the different circuits have been seasons of blessing.

We have not urged the conference to send in preachers from the old fields as yet, on account of the inability of these new classes to support them. The ministers who are now supplying the work, labor a part of the time at their trades for the support of their families. We are not unmindful of the fact that the work would perhaps move more rapidly could it be supplied with more experienced preachers, but we must walk before we run. Could the General Missionary Board appropriate one-half support for three or four ministers and their families, we would gladly allow our new ministers to go to the older fields.

If this new work is preserved to the church, and other societies raised up, there must be appropriations, sufficient to meet the expenses of the meetings as well as to assist the faithful preachers who are laboring to push the work.

*Meetings outside of the New England field.*—Besides the work done in the East, we have held revivals and special services in Jamestown, New York; Saratoga Springs, New York; Buffalo, New York; Uxbridge, Ontario; Sarnia, Ontario; and in several places in Michigan. We have also assisted in several camp-meetings.

*Financial.*—Amount received in cash for the missionary bands and for the expenses of the New England work since last specified report given at the general conference, \$659.33; for support aside from traveling expenses, \$190.00; paid to band workers and for other expenses incident to the revivals on new fields in New England since the last specified report given at the last general conference (there being no definite report presented at the last board meeting), \$768.41.

An encouraging number have united with the Free Methodist church and many have sought the Lord during our revivals. We have been sensible of special assistance of the Holy Spirit in preaching the Word this year, and have been encouraged to expect greater results in the future.

C. W. STAMP.

The financial part of his report was received and referred to the auditor.

Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, general missionary, submitted the following report, which was duly received:

"TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD, DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

"It is gratifying to report to you that the past year has been one of the best of my life. The Spirit has been poured out upon the revivals in which I have assisted, and blessed results have followed the efforts put forth to extend our borders as a church and to save the lost. I have done evangelistic work in several camp-meetings and other special services in the West, and have spent a short time in raising funds for the missionary band work in the East. Our field of labor has, however, been principally on new ground in New England.

"The work has been hard and we have carried heavy burdens that the church might be established upon a firm basis. In many respects our new work is encouraging. However, there is great need of careful management and prayer to God, that the little flock may be kept together and that the necessary funds may be supplied to maintain what we have until there is strength enough to withstand the enemy and to continue the opening of other places for the church.



"I have labored to build up the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and there has been a gratifying increase on the new district and splendid showing financially from that field."

"(Signed),

BLANCHE E. STAMP."

Several important items of business were referred to committees which gave due consideration to the same.

The following missionaries home on furlough addressed the board regarding their work: Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Matthewson, from Japan; and Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Clarke, from India.

The annual reports of the several superintendents on the foreign fields were read: Rev. C. Floyd Appleton, in China; Rev. Carroll Smith, district elder of the Inland and Coast districts, South Africa Mission conference; Rev. J. W. Haley, district elder of the Inhambane district of the aforesaid conference; Rev. M. C. Clarke, India; Rev. W. F. Matthewson, Japan.

It was voted that in case a bishop cannot preside at a session of the South Africa mission conference and be present on the field in the interval of any conference session, that the president *pro tem* is empowered and duly authorized to transfer preachers from one district to another.

The annual report of W. S. Woods, superintendent of the Fair View farm, South Africa, was read and received.

The board elected the following persons as superintendents on the foreign fields: Rev. J. T. Taylor, India; Rev. C. Floyd Appleton, China; Rev. August Youngren, Japan. The board of directors was authorized to elect a superintendent for the Dominican Republic.

The board elected the following persons to serve as treasurers: Rev. Jules Ryff, for Africa, excepting the work at Inhambane; Rev. Carroll Smith, for Inhambane; Rev. J. T. Taylor, for India; Mrs. Laura Millican Appleton, China; S. E. Cooper, Japan. The board of directors were authorized to elect a treasurer for the Dominican Republic.

Rev. S. K. Wheatlake, general conference evangelist, submitted his report, as follows: It was duly received.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD, DEAR BRETHREN:

I beg to submit to you the following report of my labors since the late general conference. I confess that I entered upon my work with considerable forebodings as to my ability to fill such a responsible position. Under God I have done the best I knew.

I am truly thankful to the Lord for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon me thus far during my labors, and for the success He has given me in my efforts to promote the best interest of the church, and thus exalt His glory among men. I have spent nearly six months of the time on new fields, holding meetings at the following places: West New Castle and Union Town, Pennsylvania; Boonsville, Indiana; Pinkstaff and Chauncey, Illinois. I succeeded in organizing good, substantial societies at Boonsville and at Pinkstaff. Some of these fields were very hard to work, but we did the best we could and left the results with God. In all of these meetings considerable good was accomplished and in some of them much of prejudice was broken down. I had arranged to hold meetings in other new fields but was called to the West by your commendation.

I spent all of last winter holding meetings within the bounds of the Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota and North Iowa conferences and held meetings at the following places: Lincoln, Nebraska City, Lynch and Butte, Nebraska; Wessington Springs, South Dakota; Centerville, Eldon, and Estherville, Iowa. Wessington Springs and Eldon were without pastors. At several of these places God was pleased to graciously pour out His Spirit, and many souls were saved and purified.

I spent the month of June on the Kingston and Havelock districts, East Ontario conference, holding tent and assisting in camp-meetings. These meetings were especially owned and blest of God in the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the church.



I have dedicated churches at the following places: Rose Hill, Kansas; Lynck, Nebraska; and at Fifth Lake, Ontario. I have attended eight camp-meetings since the general conference. At some of them I remained only a few days. Three of them were arranged for before my election as general conference evangelist.

During the past fourteen months I have traveled 8,456 miles and preached 550 sermons. Over 500 souls have professed to have been saved, reclaimed or purified in the meetings I have held. A goodly number of these united with the church either on probation or in full connection.

My traveling expenses have been, \$185; raised for rent on buildings and incidentals, \$115; raised on church debts, \$350.

S. K. WHEATLAKE.

The missionary secretary was authorized to purchase a cable code for China [a copy of which was submitted to the board], and for any other of the foreign fields as he deemed necessary.

The board appropriated sufficient money to pay the freight on the goods of N. B. Ghormley and of Roy E. Nichols, from their homes to New York City.

It was decided to be the sense of the board that the children of our effective missionaries on the foreign fields are not entitled to receive allowance from the claimants' fund while they are receiving an appropriation as children of such missionaries.

Emma Appling was voted sixty dollars a year as a superannuated missionary.

The board decided that on account of various enterprises already on hand they did not deem it advisable to open school work in Ceylon.

R. Takashima and B. Horiuchi, native workers in Japan, were, in harmony with a recommendation of our Japan missionaries, elected to deacon's orders. They are to be ordained at the first suitable opportunity.

The committee to consider certain questions pertaining to the deaconess' work submitted their report as follows, which report was duly adopted:

"We recommend that the first sentence of sub-division 8, paragraph 149, of the Discipline, be changed to read: 'The garb of a deaconess shall be a dark gray dress and a dark gray bonnet with white ties.'

"In regard to a question raised some time ago in the *Free Methodist* as to a discrepancy between the 'Digest of Free Methodist Law' and the Discipline, relative to the manner of recommending persons for deaconess' license, we would say that sub-divisions 1 to 6 inclusive, of paragraph 149, of the Discipline, embody the recommendations of the committee of last year."

The following revised course of study was, on recommendation of the missionaries in Japan, unanimously adopted:

#### FIRST YEAR

READING. 1. Jinjo Sho-gakko Tokuhon, numbers 1-4. (Or the newer edition when adopted by the government schools).

2. Learn to write the kana; learn to recognize and read all the characters in these readers, and practise writing them; learn to write easy dictation; and memorize the Lord's Prayer.

GRAMMAR. Study the Japanese grammar according to Noss-Lange to the end of lesson 54, page 226; translating all the English sentences and writing them in mixed script.

References: Chamberlain's Handbook and Imbrie's Etymology.

CONVERSATION. Converse at least one-half hour daily with the teacher.

#### SECOND YEAR

READING. 1. Jinjo Sho-gakko Tokuhon, numbers 5-8. (Or the newer edition when adopted by the government schools).

2. Learn to recognize and read all the characters in these readers and practise writing them; learn to write easy dictation.

3. Read at least three of the Mukashi-banashi, Iwaya sueo's edition.
4. Read Tamura's Collected Tracts, "Why I Believe There is a God," "Why I Believe the Need of Atonement," "Why I Believe in Immortality."

Memorize at least one or two pages of each book and the Apostles' Creed.

GRAMMAR. Noss-Lange completed.

CONVERSATION. Converse at least one-half hour with the teacher daily, and during the last half of the year prepare and deliver publicly short addresses at least once a month.

#### THIRD YEAR

READING. 1. Neimin no Fukuin.

2. New Testament complete.

3. Prayers in the Free Methodist Discipline Ritual, at least for the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

PUBLIC SPEAKING. Prepare a written address at least once a month and speak in public as often as opportunity offers.

WRITING. Moji-no-shirube is recommended as a supplementary study.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellew, general missionary, submitted the following report, which was received:

"On account of sickness in the family and other reasons, I have not been able to do as much work as usual this year.

"Have held missionary meetings at Gallatin, Tennessee; Jamestown, New York, Baptist church; South Dayton, district meeting; Gerry, New York; Butte, Nebraska; Shenandoah, Iowa. Also took part in meetings at Ransomville, New York, and Jeannette, Pennsylvania.

"Respectfully submitted,

"REBECCA E. SELLEW."

The following motion was passed by the board: "That in reference to the African work, that it is the sense of this board that in the future special gifts sent to our native workers and evangelists in Africa be given by our missionaries to those for whom such gifts are intended, at once; or held by the missionaries for their future use; or correspond with the donors as to what disposition be made of such gifts."

The following report in regard to the dormitory in Japan was adopted:

"Your committee recommend that the building of a dormitory for boys in Japan be postponed for the present, and that they continue to occupy their present location at Shita-tera-machi.

"We further recommend that the board proceed to erect a girls' dormitory at Tennoji, so that Miss Minnie Hessler may the more effectually confine her work to the education of the girls as originally designed."

The following report of the committee on memoirs was unanimously adopted; and the secretary was instructed to prepare and send a special copy of these resolutions to the parents of Sister Lillie Peterson and to the nearest relatives of Sister Mary E. Chynoweth. After the reading of the report, Bishop Jones offered fervent prayer.

#### REPORT ON MEMOIRS

"During the past twelve months, signal prosperity and special blessings have attended the work on all our mission stations in foreign lands. As the general missionary board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, we are profoundly thankful to our heavenly Father for all these mercies, but with all our rejoicing and thankfulness there comes the deepest sorrow in the loss of two of our beloved missionaries, Miss Mary E. Chynoweth of India, and Miss Lily M. Peterson of China.

"Miss Mary E. Chynoweth had labored in India for six years. She had already obtained a fine command of the Marathi language and was an invalua-

ble evangelist among the Hindus. Her clear, logical presentation of the truth appealed strongly to the Oriental mind. Those who heard her almost invariably went away to think and often to follow out the convictions impressed upon them, by her burning words and striking personality.

"The passion of her soul was to gather in the lost ones of India to the fold of Christ. Her plea on her death bed was that some one should go and tell the story of the cross in the surrounding villages, calling on the missionaries around her to go quickly and spread the gospel. Her last conscious message was to the members of the missionary board, telling them not to be discouraged and entreated them to send other workers to fill the broken ranks. She forgot her own terrible sufferings in her great solicitude for the salvation of the heathen.

"As a board, we consider her loss well nigh irreparable but bow to the will of our heavenly Father. Miss Chynoweth was filled with loyalty to her friends, to the cause she represented, and above all to the Master she so faithfully served. No friend could be more devoted, more tender, more true. Her ideals were lofty and purposes unflinching. Everything she did must be done in the most perfect manner. Her standard of Christian life was very high indeed. She knew the saving power of Christ to the uttermost and yearned to bring all with whom she associated to the same exalted pinnacle of Christian perfection.

"When the hand of disease was laid heavily upon her she was found in the ranks, touring for miles in the villages around. Her ambition was to evangelize the entire district of Yeotinal. Had she been spared, this would have been accomplished.

"Weary and smitten with the dread disease, smallpox, she laid aside the sickle without a murmur and entered into her reward, leaving the fields white for a harvest. Her voice is calling us to-day to send forth more laborers to reap these needy fields. Let us as representatives here in America hasten to send others to take up this work she has laid down.

"As the members of the general missionary board, we would tender our sincere sympathy to her brother, other relatives and friends, and assure them of our mutual sorrow in this hour of bereavement.

"The work in China is still in its infancy and we had so recently been called to bury our leader, Miss Clara A. Leffingwell, that we could ill afford to lose another devoted missionary from among our consecrated laborers there. Miss Lily M. Peterson had only been in China two years, but during this short period had greatly endeared herself, not only to every missionary there, but also to the Chinese. They called her, 'Pehi-ueh-tean,' 'White Precious Lily,' and showed their love in many ways. When they understood they must bid her a final farewell, they wept and manifested deep grief. Although her stay among them was so brief the Lord gave her some lasting fruit in the conversion of her cook, who is now spreading the gospel among his own people. He had continually prayed for her recovery and evidently expected it.

"One morning Miss Jones came in, saying to him, 'Miss Peterson is well now. She will never be sick any more.' He looked up with a smile, at the good news; then the truth dawned upon him and that she had really gone. He bit his lip and his face twitched—the Chinese dislike to show emotion—but his grief overcame him; he put his face down on his arm and sobbed aloud. Before she went as a missionary, some of the young men in the Chinese mission where she labored, were converted and went back to China to carry the glad news. She had become quite proficient in the Chinese language, as was shown in her closing hours. While delirious she talked fluently in the Chinese language, having forgotten her mother tongue.

"As members of the general missionary board, we deeply appreciate the sacrifice of this beautiful life to the cause of missions. Her only regret when she realized that she must relinquish the work was the fear that missionary zeal among the people at home might be dampened by her early death. We are assured that her sweet unselfishness, her superior intelligence, her humble, trusting dependence on the arm of Jehovah have left a lasting influence in the fields where she labored. In the great gathering of the nations by and by

when the blood-washed shall come from every land and from every tongue, we doubt not many shall be garnered into the fold through the loving ministry of our beloved missionary, Miss Lily M. Peterson. We would tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and members of their family, assuring them that this sacrifice of theirs in giving their first-born shall be held in precious memory by the members of the general missionary board."

The board adopted the following report:

"Your committee to whom was referred the request of members of the South Africa Mission conference as to some amendments to the Zulu Discipline, by which native members of the church may be tried by a committee, beg to report as follows:

"It is our opinion that it would be unwise and contrary to our polity in mission work in Africa to allow natives who may have violated any part of our Discipline to be tried by a committee composed of natives alone. Such committee should have at least enough missionaries on said committee to constitute a majority of one.

"We propose the following changes in the Zulu Discipline:

"Paragraph 178, page 118: 'When charges are preferred against a member, the missionary in charge shall call a meeting of the society, which shall elect two native members of the society and two white missionaries, who, with the district elder, who shall preside, shall constitute a committee to try the case. The district elder may appoint some other missionary to serve in his place on this committee and to preside.'

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Haley were granted furloughs, on account of ill-health. The granting of a furlough to Sister Lucy Hartman was referred to the board of directors.

The board voted that it is not necessary for returned missionaries from Africa to bring their books home to be audited, unless in exceptional cases, and when requested to do so by the board.

The board gave careful consideration to all requests for appropriations from the several foreign fields. Those voted appear later in this volume.

Mrs. Ida R. Winget, general missionary, submitted the following report of her work. It was duly received.

"I have traveled in the interest of the foreign missionary work this year about six thousand miles. I have held and assisted in meetings in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

"Respectfully submitted,

IDA R. WINGET."

General Conference Evangelist J. H. Flower submitted the following report, which was duly received:

"TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH:

"At the time of your annual meeting last October, I was engaged in a revival meeting at Monterey, Tennessee, which resulted in the conversion and sanctification of many souls. Over one hundred were at the altar as seekers during the meeting.

"From here I went to the Kentucky and Tennessee conference and assisted in the evangelistic services during its session. I was called to the bedside of my father, who was very ill, at Lawrenceville, Illinois. He seemed to rally and I left him in the care of other members of the family and went to Ennis, Texas, to hold evangelistic services prior to and during the session of the annual conference, which resulted in the conversion and sanctification of a number of souls. Much of the blessing of God attended the services, mention of which is made in the Annual Minutes of the Texas conference.

"While here I received a message to come at once to the bedside of my father, as he was not expected to live. It was his earnest request that I should not go back to the far South so that I could reach him in a few hours' notice. So up to the time of his death, June 5, I spent the time between caring for him and the mission work in St. Louis. Immediately after his death I took up tent and camp-meeting work and held meetings at Polk City, Des.



Moines and Sioux City, Iowa; Robinson and Bradbury, Illinois; Bluffton, Indiana; Scottsville and Petroleum, Kentucky. At each place souls were converted and sanctified and the Spirit of God was poured out in a gracious manner.

"Trouble having arisen between the church and the mission and rescue work in St. Louis, I was called from Kentucky on that account.

"I have calls awaiting me at Jackson, Mississippi; Hot Springs, Arkansas; and some in Kentucky, which I hope to fill as soon as I can adjust my affairs to this end.

"I am thankful to God for His converting and sanctifying grace that keeps and sustains me and also thankful to the church, and all my brethren, for their love, patience and forbearance; and covet the prayers of all that during the coming year I may be able to 'do the work of an evangelist' acceptable to God and approved by His church. J. H. FLOWER."

The committee elected to investigate the amount paid Rev. J. H. Flower, for services as general conference evangelist, by the church treasurer, reported. The report was adopted.

"We find after careful investigation that he has devoted nine months in evangelistic work since his election as general conference evangelist, for which he has received full pay, namely, \$375. We also find that seven months of that time he labored in the southern field and two months in the north."

It was decided that T. Kawabe's relation to the white missionaries in Japan shall be as follows: "That when items of business in the missionaries' meetings pertaining to the native workers, their salary and places of work, and rent of native chapels, and such things as pertain to the native work are considered, he be given a voice and vote; and that when the matter of appropriations for houses and living expenses of the missionaries are considered, the missionaries consider these matters by themselves."

The board passed the following: "There seems \* \* \* \* to be a very pressing need at this time for medical service in our mission field in China. From what we can learn, Dr. Backenstoe can practise in China with his present American diploma without restraint. Dr. Backenstoe writes under date of August 10, 1908, 'We are willing to start for China on short notice.' We recommend that Dr. Backenstoe be transferred to China as a medical missionary."

It was decided that Herbert M. Damon and wife be sent to India in the fall of 1909.

The committee elected to consider the question of "Iobolosa," in Africa, recommended that after considering the correspondence referred to them, that in the case referred to in such correspondence, the native brother be authorized to carry out the contract made by his heathen father for benefit of his heathen relatives, but shall not be allowed to retain any money or cattle obtained from the carrying out of the contract, for his personal use and benefit. The recommendation was adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, A large number of requests have been coming from the coast and from the Western Canada conference for the labors of General Conference Evangelist C. W. Stamp and his wife; and

"WHEREAS, There are now several petitions from those fields; and, as Brother Stamp has promised a year to the district elders and pastors of the Pacific coast and Western Canada conference; and

"WHEREAS, The new district organized in New England needs care and further labor;

"Therefore, We move that Brother and Sister Stamp be directed to work three months in New England with special supervision of the field, three months through the middle west, and six months on the Pacific coast and in Canada."

A communication was presented to the board, signed by a Mr. F. M. Baker, of Rochester, Pennsylvania, wherein he referred to his desiring to labor among the colored people of the South. It was received and referred to the general conference evangelist for the south, for his consideration.



Rev. S. K. Wheatlake was requested to give his first three months of labor in the bounds of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference and also the North Minnesota conference; and the remainder of the year to our work east of the Colorado conference.

Rev. C. E. Harroun, Jr., asked whether it is proper and in keeping with the usages or polity of our church, for a quarterly conference to renew the license of a local preacher who labors as a missionary in Mexico. It was voted to be the sense of the board that for them to do so is not at all inconsistent.

Mrs. M. M. Robinson presented the following resolutions. They were adopted:

"WHEREAS, At our annual missionary board meetings the members are called upon to consider and decide very important questions concerning our church interests in foreign lands; and

"WHEREAS, They need all the information obtainable by them in order to rightly and wisely understand such important questions; and

"WHEREAS, They do not generally know what questions are to be brought before them for consideration and action until they have actually assembled together in business meetings; which lack of knowledge has many times proved very embarrassing; therefore,

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that its members should have as much knowledge and information placed before them as possible; and that the attention of the missionary secretary be directed by the board to this matter; and that he devise some means to place this information in the possession of the members of the board before they assemble in annual session."

The report of the board of directors of the business transacted by them since the last annual meeting of this board was adopted.

The missionary secretary was elected a delegate to represent this board at the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards, to be held in New York, January 12-14, 1909, with the understanding that he has the privilege of appointing a proxy in event he cannot attend.

The board voted to appropriate five hundred dollars for a chapel at Nippon Bashi, to be built on the front end of the lot whenever the present chapel shall be torn down to make way for the street car line; and that it be built in such a manner that the rear of the lot can be utilized for another building.

The power of attorney of J. P. Brodhead was continued; and it was provided that this action be duly certified to by the proper officers of the board, when he returns to Africa.

The out-going of Rev. E. M. Sandys and family to Africa was deferred, and the time left with the board of directors.

The missionary secretary was instructed to culminate so soon as possible the purchase of the Haynes' property in Durban, in accordance with action taken by this board at its last yearly meeting.

On motion of W. W. Vinson, and in harmony with the recommendation of our missionaries in India, it was decided that the first term of service in that country be changed from seven to five years, in case that the missionaries on the field recommend this in the case of any missionary.

A communication was read to the board, signed by Prof. E. G. Burritt, of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, relative to the missionary training work being carried on, and further contemplated by, the college. After due consideration by the board and by a special committee, the following report of the committee was adopted in the case:

"We recommend that this board hereby approves of the work being done by Greenville College 'for the benefit of those preparing for foreign missionary work,' as outlined in said letter. We would bid the college Godspeed in this new and important work which it has taken up.

"We do not think it advisable to make any appropriation from the funds of the board to aid in promoting this department of missionary training at this present time, in view of the shrinkage of the board's receipts this year, and other considerations.

"The sense of this board is that it would be unwise to allow credit for such appropriations [mentioned in the letter] on account of the danger of depleting the general funds.

"We recommend that the secretary of the board convey to Greenville College, through its president, the action of this board in this matter."

The following motion was passed: "That the plan for meeting the traveling expenses of our missionaries who are home on furlough and holding meetings in the interest of this work be as it is at present; with the understanding that each missionary provide himself with suitable receipt books, and that they keep the stubs of all receipts given in order to facilitate the auditing of such expenses."

The board recommended the readjusting of the location of certain missionaries in Japan, as follows, such plan being made necessary by the election of August Youngren as superintendent: "August Youngren, for Osaka; Matthias Klein, Awaji; S. E. Cooper, Akashi."

The board approved of Brother Matthias Klein exercising the office of an ordained elder in Japan until such time as his ordination papers can properly be considered by an annual conference in America, he having been ordained by the Pentecost Bands of America.

The secretary was instructed to forward the records of the South Africa Mission conference to Rev. Jules Ryff, as soon as possible.

The following action was taken in the case of Rev. E. M. Sandys: "That in case E. M. Sandys and family should go out to Africa as a board missionary; and in case their health should fail and they should be ordered home by a physician, this board agrees to provide their return passage the same as for any of the board missionaries under like conditions."

The missionary secretary being unable to attend the board meeting on account of serious illness, he sent the following letter of greeting to them:

"TO MY BRETHREN AND FELLOW-WORKERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

"DEAR BRETHREN, GREETING: For a little over six weeks I have been passing through one of the most crucial experiences of my life. Little did I expect to be shut up here by myself and suffer the pain that I have for these weeks. In the midst of it all the Lord has given me great patience and humble trust in Him.

"My heart has gone up to the Lord for His blessing upon you and upon the work committed to your charge, that you may apprehend the mind of the Spirit and be guided by Him.

"I know you are nearly through with your work, but feeling a little strength to greet you in the name of the Lord, I have sent you these few lines.

"I want to say that I think I have felt the best to-day that I have felt since I was taken sick. I am encouraged by my doctor that in a few weeks I shall be well again. I know I have your prayers and sympathy. May God bless you increasingly.

"Yours in the Master's service,

"B. WINGET."

The following reply to the above letter of greeting was unanimously adopted by the board:

"CHICAGO, OCTOBER 20, 1908.

"REV. B. WINGET, MISSIONARY SECRETARY:

"Dear Brother: Your communication of yesterday to the missionary board was received and read in a sitting of the board this morning.

"Permit us to assure you, dear brother, that we are most devoutly thankful to Almighty God that He has been pleased to spare you, and that the prospect for your full restoration to health is so encouraging. We would assure you that since the news of your sickness first became known to the church, constant prayers have gone up to the throne that you might be restored to your work.

"We have missed you very much in the sittings of the board. It has seemed at times as though we hardly knew what to do; but the business of the board has gone forward without friction. We are now nearing the close of our

work. We would be very glad if you might be with us before we adjourn; but as this is not likely to be, we pray God to be with you, and to keep us all until we meet where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

"Again assuring you of our love for you in our Lord, and our continued prayers for your complete recovery, we are

"Yours in the work of the Lord,

"For the Board.

JOHN S. M'GEARY,

"Secretary, *pro tem.*"

The location of our missionaries on the island of Santo Domingo was referred to the board of directors.

The applications of thirty-nine persons for appointment as foreign missionaries were duly considered. The applications of the following persons were placed on file: Grace Baird, Galt, Ontario; Harriet V. Dalrymple, Pittsfield, Pennsylvania; Homer L. Dibble, Spring Arbor, Michigan; Alice E. Evans, Amy, Michigan; Effie M. Faulkner, Tacoma, Washington; Florence E. Jolly, Marion, Kansas; Martha A. Thomas, Greenville, Illinois; Luella May Newton, Fair View, Africa; Clarence B. Wiggin.

The following persons were accepted as foreign missionaries: Louise D. Calkins, for India (conditionally); Sophia Eberman, for Japan; Charlotte E. Johns, Delevan, New York, for Africa; Mary E. Ogren, for China; Mattie J. Peterson, for China.

The applications of the following named were referred to the board of directors: Fred G. Wynett (referred to missionaries on the field, etc.); Harriet E. Sheldon, Hamilton, Ontario; Clyde C. Forman (to be sent to Inhambane).

Action in the following cases was deferred: Alice C. Furman, Corning, New York; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grinnell, Los Angeles, California; Rev. Fred J. Hessler, Atlanta, New York; Rev. and Mrs. John R. Klein, Algonquin, Illinois; Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Estevan, Canada; James S. Rice, Cortland, New York; Ida B. Rice, Spring Arbor, Michigan; Lillian Webster, Mercer, Pennsylvania; Lillian Russell, New York, New York.

It was voted that Rev. N. S. Honn and family be transferred to Shanghai to take up the work among the Cantonese, in harmony with action taken in this case at the last annual meeting of this board; and that a sufficient additional amount be appropriated by this board to make the allowance for expenses in connection with opening up this work of one thousand dollars, the amount on hand with our treasurer in China now being about four hundred dollars.

Rev. J. P. Brodhead reported as follows in regard to his work in the home land for the past year. This report was supplemented by a verbal statement as to the amount of money he had raised for the foreign work:

"The time of the past year has passed pleasantly and quickly by. The months of October and November, 1907, were occupied in holding various missionary meetings within the bounds of the Oil City and Pittsburg conferences. From December, 1907, to March, 1908, I was occupied in a dental office in Franklin, Pennsylvania, under the competent instruction of Dr. Rickards in dental work, and feel the time was most profitably spent and that the benefit accruing will be manifest on the mission field in works of mercy along these lines.

"From March 1, 1908, to the present, my time has been wholly occupied in holding missionary meetings at various places and in different conferences, as far west as the Minnesota and North Iowa conference. I attended a goodly number of camp-meetings and conferences in annual session, and at every place was accorded a most hearty reception by our preachers and people, and trust that, educationally and financially, some measure of blessing has resulted therefrom."

"J. P. BRODHEAD."

The secretary read a communication from Dr. Philip B. Cousland, of

China, as to a request from him for an offering from this board in the interest of medical mission work in that country. The request was referred to the missionaries on that field, as to the advisability of this board voting an appropriation for this work; and if an affirmative answer is given, the board of directors were authorized to make an appropriation as seems to them best.

George D. Schlosser was transferred to Tsing Kiang Pu, China, to assist Brother F. J. Fletcher in the orphanage work there.

On motion, the board accepted the offer of the *Christian Herald*, of New York, in regard to the support of orphans in China under the supervision of our church; and further they approved of the work that Brother Fletcher had done thus far. They also voted that the number of orphans to be cared for be left to the judgment of Brother Fred J. Fletcher. The securing of a location for our orphanage and building for the same, outside the city of Tsing Kiang Pu, was referred to him in conjunction with the board of directors.

The yearly report of Effie L. Southworth, superintendent of the girls' orphanage in India, was read by Mrs. M. C. Clarke. It was duly received.

It was voted to be the sense of this board that Dr. W. C. Willing be considered as a missionary laboring under the auspices of this board, without salary.

The yearly report of Esther D. Clark, missionary to Santo Domingo, was given by Mrs. Ida R. Winget.

The board of directors were authorized to retain and employ J. P. Brodhead to travel and hold meetings and raise funds in the home land, in the interest of our foreign work, if in their judgment it seems best to do so.

The report of S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer of the general mission fund, was read and received.

The several appropriations from the general mission fund, as also for the foreign fields, were made.

The following letter of greeting to Dr. Louis Klopsch was adopted:

"DR. LOUIS KLOPSCH, Editor in Chief, Christian Herald Bible House, New York City:

"Dear Brother Klopsch: The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, now assembled in this city, wish to express our most profound appreciation to you and the *Christian Herald* for the interest you have always taken in foreign missions, and particularly for the work you have accomplished by way of famine relief funds, and the carrying for orphans in different foreign countries.

"We would especially express our appreciation of the interest manifested by you and shown through your agent in China in offering to support the large number of orphans now under the care of Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Fletcher, of Tsing Kiang Pu, China. This generous appropriation is a source of encouragement and inspiration to our entire board in connection with our foreign missionary work.

"Praying that the divine blessing may ever rest upon the *Christian Herald* and yourself in this great work, we are,

"Yours in His service,"

The publishing agent, W. B. Rose, was duly authorized to sign checks for the treasurer, in case of an emergency.

The board accepted the offer of Bishop Walter A. Sellow to go to China; and he was granted power of attorney for China and Japan while on his trip to those countries. The treasurer was instructed to pay his traveling expenses while on his trip inland in China from the port of Shanghai.

The minutes were read and approved.

The general missionary board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, 14-16 North May street, Thursday, October 22, 1908.



Bishop Walter A. Sellew called the board to order and presided.

Prayer was offered by J. S. M'Geary.

The following members responded to the calling of the roll: Walter A. Sellew, Burton R. Jones, J. S. M'Geary, W. W. Vinson and Mrs. M. M. Robinson.

J. S. M'Geary was elected secretary *pro tem* on account of the absence of the missionary secretary.

The charge and general direction of our work in the island of Santo Domingo was vested in the missionary secretary, as heretofore.

Action in several items of business was deferred till the next meeting of this board, in order to give the missionary secretary an opportunity to be present.

The opening of a new station in China, and the erection of a building at such station, was referred to the secretary to investigate; and if sufficient funds are found to be on hand, that he be authorized to proceed with the opening up of the station and erection of the building as suggested by our missionaries on the field.

It was decided that whenever it was deemed advisable to send a single young woman to Africa that it be the sense of this board that Miss Charlotte E. Johns be sent out in preference to any other candidate for that field.

It was voted that Rev. J. P. Brodhead be requested to remain in the home land another year unless he prefers to go to Africa the coming spring, as provided by the general missionary board.

The board carefully considered the items of business transacted by the general missionary board.

The following paper was received, signed by Mary L. Coleman, president, and Adella P. Carpenter, secretary *pro tem*. The request contained therein was granted.

"The members of the board of directors are respectfully requested to allow a committee, consisting of the woman on the board of directors, the president of the general society of the W. F. M. S., and such other woman as they shall choose, to act in place of the Women's Auxiliary Board in the interim of its annual meetings; the work of considering women candidates for the foreign field, who are not to wait for the action of the annual meeting, to be conducted among them by correspondence."

The action of the general missionary board in reference to the going of Bishop Walter A. Sellew to China was endorsed.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

The board of directors adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.



## GENERAL MISSIONS

APPROPRIATIONS MADE FROM THE GENERAL MISSION FUND FOR  
1908-1909

CONFERENCE	CHARGE, ETC.	AMOUNT
Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	To W. C. Bostian, district elder..	\$ 80 00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	To M. L. Schooley, district elder..	20 00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	To Neosho circuit.....	20 00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	To Butler and Moreland.....	15 00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	To Nevada work.....	15 00
California .....	To Chico. ....	20 00
California .....	To Santa Cruz and Aromas.....	30 00
California .....	To Turlock and Ripon.....	25 00
California .....	To conference evangelist.....	20 00
Central Illinois. ....	To Vandalia. ....	40 00
Central Illinois. ....	To East Prairie.....	30 00
Colorado. ....	To district elder, Northern district,	30 00
Colorado. ....	To district elder, Southern district,	30 00
Columbia River. ....	To Boise circuit.....	60 00
East Michigan. ....	To Lennon and Forest.....	20 00
East Michigan. ....	To Walker, Legrand, etc.....	40 00
East Michigan. ....	To Delaware circuit.....	20 00
East Ontario. ....	To Peterboro Mission.....	80 00
Iowa. ....	To Des Moines.....	50 00
Kansas. ....	To Clay Center.....	25 00
Kansas. ....	To Salina and Dry Creek.....	15 00
Kansas. ....	To Caldwell and Doster.....	15 00
Kansas. ....	To Girard.....	15 00
Kansas. ....	To Kansas City Mission.....	25 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	For work in the conference.....	75 00
Louisiana. ....	For work in the conference.....	75 00
Michigan. ....	To Hudson circuit.....	50 00
Minnesota and North Iowa.....	To St. Paul and Minneapolis....	50 00
Minnesota and North Iowa.....	To Estherville, Iowa.....	30 00
Missouri. ....	To Albany circuit.....	20 00
North Dakota. ....	To Minot circuit.....	25 00
North Dakota. ....	To Tagus circuit.....	25 00
North Dakota. ....	To district elder.....	50 00
North Minnesota. ....	To district elder.....	40 00
North Minnesota. ....	To Gustaf A. Nelson (conditional,	25 00
Oil City. ....	To Tyrone circuit.....	50 00
Oklahoma. ....	To Norman, Purcell, etc.....	25 00
Oklahoma. ....	To Chickasha. ....	15 00
Oklahoma. ....	To Guymon .....	50 00
Oklahoma. ....	To Green Valley, etc.....	25 00
Oklahoma. ....	To Anadarko and Verden.....	25 00
Oregon. ....	To district elder, Eugene and	
	Grants Pass district.....	40 00
Oregon. ....	To Damascus and Sunnyside.....	20 00
Oregon. ....	To Klamath County charge.....	10 00
Oregon. ....	To district elder, Dalles district,	40 00
Pittsburg. ....	To district elder, Virginia district,	75 00
Pittsburg. ....	To Gainsville, Georgia.....	30 00
Pittsburg. ....	To Rockmart, Georgia.....	30 00
Platte River. ....	To Hasting and Giltner.....	40 00
Platte River. ....	To district elder, North Platte dis-	
	trict. ....	40 00
South Dakota. ....	To Mitchell circuit.....	20 00
South Dakota. ....	To Stanley and Layman Counties,	30 00
Susquehanna. ....	To E. H. Wyeth, district elder....	30 00

Susquehanna. . . . .	To Worcester, Massachusetts. . .	30 00
Susquehanna. . . . .	To Springfield, Massachusetts. . .	25 00
Susquehanna. . . . .	To Watertown, New York. . . . .	20 00
Susquehanna. . . . .	To Gouverneur, New York. . . . .	15 00
Susquehanna. . . . .	To Clinton, Massachusetts. . . . .	30 00
Wabash. . . . .	To Indianapolis Mission. . . . .	75 00
Washington. . . . .	To Buckley. . . . .	20 00
Washington. . . . .	To Cle Elum. . . . .	20 00
Washington. . . . .	To Whitby Island. . . . .	25 00
Western Canada. . . . .	To replace money borrowed. . . .	125 00
Western Canada. . . . .	To district elder, Saskatchewan	
	district. . . . .	25 00
Western Canada. . . . .	To Moose Jaw circuit. . . . .	40 00
Western Canada. . . . .	To Estevan circuit. . . . .	25 00
Western Canada. . . . .	To district elder, Alberta district,	75 00
Western Canada. . . . .	To Weyburn circuit. . . . .	25 00
West Iowa. . . . .	To Creston. . . . .	25 00
West Iowa. . . . .	To Council Bluffs. . . . .	25 00
West Kansas. . . . .	To Kingman and Cleveland. . . .	15 00
West Kansas. . . . .	To district elder, Macksville dis-	
	trict. . . . .	25 00
West Kansas. . . . .	To Hill city and Lenora. . . . .	15 00
Total. . . . .		\$2,480 00
For three general conference evangelists. . . . .		1,700 00
For expenses. . . . .		400 00
Grand total. . . . .		\$4,580 00

### GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD (Incorporated June 19, 1895).

1. CORPORATE NAME—"The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America."

2. OBJECT—"To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law, that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the board to send them forth?

#### FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general law of the State of Illinois, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say, [brief description here], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

#### THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form:

# General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America

14-16 North May Street, Chicago, Illinois

I . . . . . of . . . . .  
hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein . . . . .  
. . . . .  
. . . . .

to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said . . . . .  
during . . . . . life interest annually at . . . . . per cent. on  
said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding . . . . .  
. . . . . of said principal sum of . . . . .  
to supply the special needs of . . . . . and give  
. . . . . a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may be made by said . . . . . for  
payments from the principal to meet . . . . . special needs, but such calls shall not be oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the before mentioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board, to be used as it may judge best for missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal this . . . . . day of . . . . . 19 . . . . .

Signed and delivered in the presence of:

. . . . . (Seal).

. . . . . (Seal).

. . . . . (Seal).

(For further information address the missionary secretary, Rev. B. Winget, Chicago, Illinois, 14 North May street.)

## TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS, OCTOBER 1, 1907, TO OCTOBER 1, 1908

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Appropriation Paid, 1907-8
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 27 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 75 00
California.....	48 75	48 75	
Central Illinois.....	271 80	271 80	50 00
Colorado.....	55 95	55 95	
Columbia River.....	45 30	45 30	
East Michigan.....	269 85	269 85	40 00
East Ontario.....	99 90	99 90	75 00
Genesee.....	240 15	240 15	
Illinois.....	148 65	148 65	
Iowa.....	119 10	119 10	
Kansas.....	136 65	136 65	145 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	43 95	40 10	100 00
Louisiana.....	24 60	20 65	75 00
Michigan.....	145 05	145 05	
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	44 25	41 25	
Missouri.....	38 40	38 40	70 00
Nebraska.....	55 65	55 65	70 00
New York.....	153 45	153 45	75 00
North Dakota.....	21 90	21 90	70 00
North Indiana.....	66 75	66 75	
North Michigan.....	253 50	253 50	
North Minnesota.....	36 90	36 90	25 00
Ohio.....	150 90	150 90	135 00
Oil City.....	270 15	270 15	75 00
Oklahoma.....	122 55	122 55	155 00
Oregon.....	78 75	78 75	140 00
Pittsburg.....	226 20	226 20	200 00
Platte River.....	68 40	68 40	
South Africa.....			
South Dakota.....	58 95	58 95	75 00
Southern California.....	73 20	73 20	160 00
Susquehanna.....	201 00	201 00	80 00
Texas.....	99 45	99 45	
Wabash.....	147 45	147 45	40 00
Washington.....	127 65	127 65	115 00
Western Canada.....	17 85	17 85	
West Ontario.....	101 85	101 85	
West Iowa.....	75 30	75 30	25 00
West Kansas.....	90 15	90 15	90 00
Wisconsin.....	110 83	110 83	60 00
Total.....	\$ 4367 85	\$ 4357 05	\$ 2220 00

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount overdrawn, October 1, 1907.....	\$ 241 50	
Amount paid to Evangelists.....	1595 00	
Amount paid to circuits.....	2220 00	
Amount expenses.....	381 00	
	\$4437 50	
By total amount of receipts, October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908.....		\$4421 50
Overdrawn, October 1, 1908.....		16 00
		\$4437 50

S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

## AFRICA

- Miss F. Grace Allen, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Mrs. Lillie Agnew, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Rev. G. G. Kessel, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Mrs. G. G. Kessel, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Miss Maggie LaBarr, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Mr. W. S. Woods, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Mrs. W. S. Woods, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Miss Luella Newton, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail) Natal, South Africa.  
 Miss Ethel Cook, Fair View Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa.  
 Miss Lucy A. Hartman, Itemba Mission Station, Enqubeni Post, Natal, South Africa.  
 Rev. N. B. Ghormley, Edwaleni, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.  
 Mrs. N. B. Ghormley, Edwaleni, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.  
 Miss Margaret A. Nickel, Edwaleni, Alfred county, Natal, South Africa.  
 Rev. A. M. Anderson, Greenville Mission Station, Bizana P. O., Pondoland, South Africa, care of E. H. Cavie "Redoubt."  
 Mrs. A. M. Anderson, Greenville Mission Station, Bizana P. O., Pondoland, South Africa, care of E. H. Cavie "Redoubt."  
 Rev. A. E. Haley, Bont Rand (Ibisi P. O.), East Griqualand, Cape Colony, South Africa.  
 Mrs. Matilda Deyo Haley, Bont Rand (Ibisi P. O.), East Griqualand, Cape Colony, South Africa.  
 Rev. Jules Ryff, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa, Box 183.  
 Mrs. Jules Ryff, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa, Box 183.  
 Miss Nellie A. Reed, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa, Box 183.  
 Ole Kragerud, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa, Box 183.  
 Rev. J. W. Haley, Inhambane, East Africa, Box 49.  
 Mrs. J. W. Haley, Inhambane, East Africa, Box 49.  
 Rev. Carroll Smith, Inhambane, East Africa, Box 49.  
 Mrs. Carroll Smith, Inhambane, East Africa, Box 49.

## INDIA

- Rev. George G. Edwards, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Mrs. George G. Edwards, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Rev. J. T. Taylor, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Miss Gertrude Alcorn, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Miss Mata D. Allee, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Miss Edith M. Santee, Yeotmal, Province of Berar.  
 Rev. Ernest F. Ward, Darwah, Yeotmal District, Province of Berar.  
 Mrs. Phoebe Ward, Darwah, Yeotmal District, Province of Berar.  
 Miss Rose A. Cox, Darwah, Yeotmal District, Province of Berar.  
 Mr. Samuel D. Casberg, Wun, Province of Berar.  
 Mrs. Jessie Lively Casberg, Wun, Province of Berar.

## JAPAN

- Rev. William L. Meikle, 5401 Shimpoin-cho, Tennoji, Osaka.  
 Mrs. William L. Meikle, 5401 Shimpoin-cho, Tennoji, Osaka.  
 Rev. Matthias Klein, 152 Aioi-cho, Akashi.  
 Mrs. Matthias Klein, 152 Aioi-cho, Akashi.  
 Rev. S. E. Cooper, 1921 Hidein cho, Tennoji, Osaka.  
 Mrs. S. E. Cooper, 1921 Hidein cho, Tennoji, Osaka.  
 Miss Minnie K. Hessler, 1921 Hidein cho, Tennoji, Osaka.  
 Rev. August Youngren, Sumoto, Awaji.  
 Mrs. August Youngren, Sumoto, Awaji.



## CHINA

Rev. C. F. Appleton, Kai Feng Fu, Honan.  
 Mrs. Laura Millican Appleton, Kai Feng Fu, Honan.  
 Miss Edith F. Jones, Kai Feng Fu, Honan.  
 Miss Lucy A. Tittlemore, Kai Feng Fu, Honan.  
 Dr. W. A. Backenstoe, Kai Feng Fu, Honan.  
 Mrs. W. A. Backenstoe, Kai Feng Fu, Honan.  
 Rev. N. S. Honn, Cheng Chow, Honan.  
 Mrs. N. S. Honn, Cheng Chow, Honan.  
 Mr. G. H. Scofield, Yungtse Hsien, Honan.  
 Mrs. G. H. Scofield, Yungtse Hsien, Honan.  
 Mr. F. J. Fletcher, Tsing Kiang Pu, via Chinkiang.  
 Mrs. F. J. Fletcher, Tsing Kiang Pu, via Chinkiang.  
 George D. Schlosser, Tsing Kiang Pu, via Chinkiang.  
 Mr. Frank R. Millican, Yung Kieh Hsien, Honan.  
 Mrs. Frank R. Millican, Yung Kieh Hsien, Honan.

## SANTO DOMINGO

Rev. W. C. Willing, LaVega, Dominican Republic, West Indies.  
 Mrs. W. C. Willing, LaVega, Dominican Republic, West Indies.  
 Rev. Roy E. Nichols, San Francisco de Macoris, West Indies.  
 Mrs. Roy E. Nichols, San Francisco de Macoris, West Indies.  
 Rev. J. W. Winans, San Francisco de Macoris, West Indies.  
 Miss Esther D. Clark, San Francisco de Macoris, West Indies.  
 Miss Nellie M. Whiffen, San Francisco de Macoris, West Indies.

## CEYLON

Mrs. Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe, Newara, Eliya, Ceylon.

## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Brodhead, from Africa, Corner Fifth and Egbert streets, Franklin, Pennsylvania.  
 Rev. A. A. Miller, from Africa, Howard, care A. C. Slocum, Rhode Island.  
 Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Matthewson, from Japan, Spring Arbor, Michigan.  
 Miss Emma Appling, from India, Fremont Station, Seattle, Washington.  
 Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Clarke, from India, Spottsylvania, Virginia.  
 Miss Effie L. Southworth, from India, Barrett, Kansas, Box 31.  
 Miss Edith D. Graves, from China, Ione, California.

## GENERAL MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Martha B. Hart, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California.  
 Mrs. Helen Hart Jones, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.  
 Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellew, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York.  
 Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Mrs. Ida R. Winget, 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.

## NATIVE WORKERS

## AFRICA

Refer to the Minutes of the South Africa Mission conference, pages 33-35.

## INDIA

(See list of appropriations for India.)

## JAPAN

Y. Onoda, Jr., and wife, Yura, Awaji.  
 K. Onoda and wife, Fukura, Awaji.  
 H. Aoki and wife, Gungei and Shizuki, Awaji.  
 R. Takashima and wife, Akashi, Akashi District.  
 Rev. T. Kawabe, Shita Dera Machi, Osaka.  
 B. Horiuchi, Shita Dera Machi, Osaka.  
 K. Kako and wife, Yubi Bashi, Osaka District.  
 Y. Nishizaka and wife, Namba, Osaka District.  
 H. Mayeda and wife, Nippon Bashi, Osaka District.  
 (This list is not complete. The names of the Bible women are not at hand.)

## APPROPRIATIONS

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD, FOR THE FOREIGN FIELDS, FOR 1908-1909

## AFRICA.

## FAIR VIEW

(Including Fair View Farm)

Salaries for seven missionaries.....	\$1,750 00
Allowance for four children.....	100 00
Native teacher for Girls' Home.....	120 00
Current expenses for Girls' Home.....	175 00
Engine room for Girls' Home.....	50 00
For a water reservoir.....	50 00
Head teacher for station school.....	300 00
First assistant teacher.....	90 00
Second assistant teacher.....	60 00
Teacher for Magog school.....	150 00
Two out-stations' teachers.....	120 00
Repairs on mission house.....	50 00
For one evangelist.....	150 00
Current farm expenses . . . . .	500 00
Emergency fund . . . . .	125 00
Deficiency in school expenses.....	125 00
Pipe for water.....	100 00
Mealie mill . . . . .	20 00
Tent for Grace Allen's work.....	32 50
Moving expenses, Carroll Smith, Greenville to Inhambane..	185 33
Total . . . . .	\$4,252 83
Less government grant . . . . .	\$ 430 00
Less hut rents . . . . .	300 00
Less support of Joyce.....	150 00
Total . . . . .	\$ 880 00
Total . . . . .	\$3,372 83

## GREENVILLE

Salary of one missionary.....	\$ 250 00
Masala's wages . . . . .	210 00
Wages for one evangelist.....	120 00
Emergency fund . . . . .	50 00
Oxen for Greenville . . . . .	150 00
Hut for kitchen and sleeping purposes, Girls' School.....	15 00
Total . . . . .	\$ 795 00

## EDWALENI, MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

For Manual Training teacher.....	\$ 360 00
For material for the school.....	1,500 00
Salaries of two missionary teachers.....	500 00
Allowance for three children of N. B. Ghormley.....	75 00
Salary of stone mason.....	250 00
Running expenses of school.....	200 00
Living expenses of workman.....	175 00
Native laborer.....	200 00
Total .....	\$3,260 00
Less salary of Mrs. Ghormley, pledged.....	250 00
Total.....	\$3,010 00

## EDWALENI

Salaries of two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00
Evangelist's wages .....	150 00
Teacher's salary .....	120 00
Payment on land.....	160 00
Emergency fund .....	50 00
Repairs on house.....	100 00
Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife tr. to China.....	400 00
Total .....	\$1,480 00
Less hut rent.....	40 00
Total .....	\$1,440 00

## INHAMBANE

Salaries of five missionaries.....	\$1,250 00
Allowance for three children.....	75 00
Extra living expenses .....	125 00
Emergency fund.....	150 00
Taxes .....	60 00
Fares from Inhambane and return .....	150 00
Arrears in evangelists' salaries.....	400 00
For water tank .....	50 00
Return home on furlough of J. W. Haley and wife.....	420 00
Outgoing expenses of a man and wife.....	800 00
Total .....	\$3,480 00
Less salary of Ethel Cook, pledged.....	250 00
Total .....	\$3,230 00

## GERMISTON, TRANSVAAL

Salaries of four missionaries.....	\$1,000 00
Extra for one year.....	200 00
Sanitary fees .....	90 00
Claim license .....	90 00
Emergency fund.....	75 00
For fencing Knight's school.....	30 00
Taxes .....	15 00
School building at East Rand.....	800 00
For two teachers for new schools.....	360 00
Total .....	\$2,660 00

## IBISI—EAST GRIQUALAND

Salaries of two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00
Emergency fund .....	50 00
Evangelist's wages .....	120 00
Total .....	\$ 670 00

## BALENI

Salaries of two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00
Evangelist's salary, Paul .....	150 00
Emergency fund .....	50 00
Total .....	\$ 700 00

## ITEMBA

Salary of one missionary.....	\$ 250 00
For Miss Cretors.....	50 00
For three native evangelists.....	400 00
Emergency fund .....	50 00
Payment on land .....	85 00
School teacher's wages .....	100 00
Total .....	\$ 935 00
Less hut rent .....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 895 00

## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Salaries of two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00
Allowance for two children.....	50 00
Outgoing expenses, J. P. Brodhead and wife.....	420 00
Outgoing expenses of two children.....	325 00
Return outfit.....	50 00
Total .....	\$1,345 00
Missionaries on furlough .....	1,345 00
On purchase of Haynes' property, Durban.....	500 00
Grand total for Africa.....	\$18,617 83

## INDIA.

Salaries of twelve missionaries.....	\$3,000 00
Appropriation for six children of the missionaries.....	150 00
Contingent fund—Wun .....	50 00
For building site and school building for native children at Wun .....	300 00
Contingent fund for Darwah.....	50 00
For church, school building and native worker's house at Darwah .....	650 00
Contingent fund for stations at Yeotmal.....	250 00
Appropriations for incidentals, postage, traveling expenses of superintendent, etc. ....	50 00
Appropriation to re-thatch big bungalow, Yeotmal.....	200 00
For pair bullocks for Yeotmal.....	75 00
For opening work at Pandur Kawri, Kelapur Taluk.....	1,500 00

## Native workers and teachers:

Douletras, at Darwah . . . . .	85 00
Rawji, at Wun . . . . .	100 00
Anunde-master, in Boys' school . . . . .	180 00
Supatra, at Yeotnal . . . . .	85 00
Teachers in Girls' Orphanage . . . . .	180 00
Teachers in Boys' Orphanage . . . . .	192 00
Sarjibai (Bible woman) . . . . .	35 00
For expenses of seven missionaries to the Hills . . . . .	140 00
For expenses of Harold Edwards to the Hills . . . . .	10 00
For translating and printing Free Methodist Catechism into Marathi . . . . .	30 00
Outfit for Rev. J. T. Taylor and wife . . . . .	50 00
Extra for Willie Taylor . . . . .	25 00
Windmill for irrigating purposes . . . . .	150 00

Total . . . . .	\$ 7,537 00
Less salary of Mata D. Allee, pledged . . . . .	250 00

Total . . . . .	\$ 7,287 00
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## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Salaries of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Clarke . . . . .	\$ 300 00
Salary of Effie Southworth . . . . .	125 00

Total . . . . .	\$ 425 00
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Grand total for India . . . . .	\$ 7,712 00
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Note.—Grand total for India granted last year was \$7,630.00.

## CHINA.

Salaries for thirteen missionaries . . . . .	\$3,250 00
Allowance for ten children . . . . .	250 00
Salaries of four evangelists (native) . . . . .	160 00
Salaries of four Bible women (native) . . . . .	104 00
Salaries of three teachers (native) . . . . .	105 00
For rent for Kai Feng Fu compound . . . . .	180 00
For opening up a new station . . . . .	200 00
For building purposes at new station . . . . .	1,600 00
For Mats Uen (out station) rent . . . . .	14 00
For purchase of chapel property at Ho-in-hsien (out station),	65 00
For Hankow Agency . . . . .	25 00
For traveling expenses † . . . . .	100 00
Mission safe . . . . .	45 00
Cable code . . . . .	
Opening up work among the Cantonese . . . . .	600 00

Total . . . . .	\$6,698 00
Less support of Mrs. L. M. Appleton, pledged . . . . .	250 00

Total . . . . .	\$6,448 00
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## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Salary of Edith Graves . . . . .	\$ 125 00
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Grand total for China . . . . .	\$6,573 00
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Note.—Total granted last year, \$4,890.00.

† Amount of \$150 appropriated last year was not sent.



## JAPAN.

Salaries of nine missionaries.....	\$2,250 00	
Allowance for nine children.....	225 00	
Extra, owing to increase in living expenses for nine missionaries.....	225 00	
Extra, owing to increase in living expenses for nine children.....	112 50	
Allowance for rents:		
Awaji: Sumoto.....	\$60 00	
Fukura.....	36 00	
Yura.....	30 00	
Gungei.....	50 00	
		\$ 176 00
Osaka: Mamba.....	\$120 00	
Yuhi Bashi.....	60 00	
Shita Dera Machi.....	135 00	
Meikle House.....	240 00	
		\$ 555 00
Akashi: Chapel.....	\$60 00	
Mission House.....	96 00	
		\$ 156 00
Allowance for workers:		
T. Kawabe, at Shita Dera Machi.....	\$ 225 00	
R. Takashima, at Akashi.....	200 00	
B. Horiuchi, at Shita Dera Machi.....	150 00	
K. Onoda, at Fukura.....	150 00	
H. Aoki, at Gungei and Shizuki.....	150 00	
K. Kako, at Yuhi Bashi.....	150 00	
Y. Nishizaka, at Namba.....	120 00	
H. Mayeda, at Nippon Basha.....	120 00	
Onoda, Jr., at Yura.....	120 00	
Ten students in training school.....	600 00	
Contingent fund.....	500 00	
Extra allowance for native workers to attend annual Holiness Association.....	25 00	
Extra allowance to pay Matthewson's doctor bill during small-pox siege.....	27 00	
Chapel at Nippon Bashi.....	1,500 00	
Extra for sickness in Meikle's family.....	25 68	
Total.....		\$7,762 18
Less salary of T. Kawabe, pledged.....	225 00	
Less salary of Mrs. S. E. Cooper, pledged.....	250 00	
Total.....		475 00
Total.....		\$7,287 18

## MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Salaries of two missionaries.....	\$ 300 00	
Allowance for three children.....	75 00	
Total.....		\$ 375 00

Grand total for Japan.....\$7,662 18

Note.—Granted last year, \$7,140.94.

## SANTO DOMINGO.

Miss Esther D. Clark.....	\$ 150 00
Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Nichols.....	500 00
Miss Nellie Whiffen.....	250 00
(Provided for by Mrs. C. H. Lowell for five years.)	
Rev. J. W. Winans.....	100 00
Total .....	\$1,000 00
Less support of above guaranteed.....	\$ 500 00
Total .....	\$ 500 00

Note.—Total granted last year, \$475.00.

## OTHER EXPENSES.

Contingent expenses .....	\$ 300 00
Secretary's expenses and salary.....	650 00
Office and traveling expenses.....	450 00
To be appropriated by officers of the Board.....	300 00
Total .....	\$1,700 00
Grand total of all appropriations granted.....	\$42,765 01

Note.—Grand total last year, \$41,817.49. Amount reported as received by the treasurer, S. K. J. Chesbro, last year, or 1906-1907, was \$49,957.80.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

## TREASURER'S REPORT, OCTOBER 1, 1907, TO OCTOBER 1, 1908

Receipts from all sources from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908.....	\$39840 51	Paid by W. F. M. S. \$24175 21
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## SPECIAL FUNDS

For Scholarships, Africa.....	2805 52	2118 52
For Japan Workers, etc.....	1085 34	942 94
For India Orphans, Workers and Famine .....	1599 56	638 32
For Africa Children, Workers, etc.....	1498 52	984 25
For Juniors.....	768 46	730 44
For Laura Millican Appleton .....	205 00	205 00
For S. E. Cooper and wife.....	362 10	252 10
For N. B. Ghormley and wife.....	490 99	490 20
For Mrs. Schofield.....	15 00	15 00
For Miss Hessler.....	319 28	319 23
For boxes .....	131 00	.....
For presents to missionaries.....	57 91	.....
For Santo Domingo.....	1955 90	743 76
For China Orphans and Famine.....	85 00	85 00
For E. Santee .....	250 62	260 62
For Roy E. Nichols.....	609 45	609 49
For Machopi People.....	444 11	444 11
For Lillie Peterson.....	103 00	103 00
For Ethel Cook.....	200 00	200 00
For Miss Lively.....	126 00	126 00
For Lucy Tittmore.....	22 00	22 00
For J. Ryff and wife.....	10 00	10 00
From sundry persons for support of missionaries.....	238 00	.....
	\$59243 45	\$33703 03

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

For all purposes, October 1, 1906-1907.....	\$56285 86
For all purposes, October 1, 1907-1908.....	53243 45
Decrease.....	8042 41

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN AND CHINA FOR THE YEAR 1907-1908.

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Number of out stations	American missionaries—Men	American missionaries—Women	Native male catechists, teachers and pastors	Native female teachers and religious helpers	Ordained native pastors	Organized native churches	Members in full	Probationers	Total number of native communicants	Adherents	Communicants added last year	Natives who receive instruction regularly	Estimated number who receive instruction occasionally during the year	Boys (not orphans) supported during the past year	Girls (not orphans) supported during the past year	Boy orphans supported the past year	Girl orphans supported the past year	Boy orphans now in the orphanages	Girl orphans now in the orphanages	Total number of children in all of the Sunday-schools (not including the Sunday-schools)	Sunday-schools	Officers and teachers
Africa	Mavili—Inhambane.	24	2	3	28	26	3	146	130	276	90	63	1000	2800	126	83	...	...	...	...	...	210	1	4
Africa	Umtsa, Germiston, Transvaal, Johannesburg	6	2	2	3	...	1	53	31	84	75	28	524	6000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6
Africa	Fair View.	5	2	5	4	3	2	58	79	137	200	57	550	600	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	269	2	12
Africa	Ibisi—East Griqualand	6	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	150	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1	2
Africa	Itemba and Ebenezer.	9	...	1	4	1	1	47	20	64	200	...	550	600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	1	5
Africa	Edwaleni.	4	2	2	2	1	1	10	9	19	15	4	250	600	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	34	1	4
Africa	Greenville.	7	1	2	3	4	1	18	7	25	15	6	200	750	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Africa	Yeotmal.	...	2	5	7	2	1	16	24	40	16	11	180	2800	...	2	56	45	52	46	97	3	15	
India	Wun.	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
India	Darwah.	...	1	2	11	6	1	323	7	330	26	118	137	900	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10
Japan	Osaka.	4	3	4	5	3	1	191	103	294	15	15	133	2020	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Japan	Sumoto.	6	1	1	1	1	1	50	10	60	12	...	60	5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8
Japan	Akashi.	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
China	Kai Feng Fu.	...	2	4	2	1	1	13	...	...	40	...	100	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
China	Yangtze Hsien.	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	Cheng Chow.	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	Tsing Kiang Fu.	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.		72	25	37	77	49	1	13	912	433	1329	689	297	3890	1400	130	94	56	45	52	46	656	28	87

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN AND CHINA—CONTINUED

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Scholars	Scholars converted during the past year	Scholars	Village and day schools	Scholars	Native contributions for all purposes	Amount received by the missionaries in donations	Amount from individuals for the sup- port of native workers	Amount from individuals and societies for the support of native children	Amount received by the missionaries from all sources	Amount received from hut rents	Amount received from the sale of pro- duce, etc., from the station	Church buildings belonging to station	Number of buildings rented for religious purposes	Number that are used both for living and school purposes by the natives	Number of school buildings belonging to the station	Number rented for school purposes	Number of buildings belonging to the station and occupied by the American missionaries	Number of acres of land belonging to the station	Value of the land	Value of all of the buildings and mov- able property belonging to the station and out-stations	Total value of all property belonging to the station and out-stations
Africa.....	Mavili—Inhambane.....	50	20 25	300	\$ 50 00	\$ 40 00	1085 00	2045 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	7	1	1	1	60	\$ 100	\$ 2500	\$ 2600
Africa.....	(Unusa), Germiston, Transvaal, etc.....	140	4	410 *	532 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1	2	2	2	1 1/2	3750	4000	5760
Africa.....	Fair View.....	150	30	4 190	92 58	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 252 00	\$521 00	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2883 1/2	3500	8000	14500
Africa.....	Ibisi (East Griqualand).....	25	1	15	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	90	1170	1260
Africa.....	Itemba and Ebenezer.....	50	1	50	48 40	28 78	59 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 06	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	705	3000	1800	4800
Africa.....	Edwaleni.....	40	1	34	45 00	1 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 88	4 00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1089	2700	1000	3700
Africa.....	Greeneville.....	45	2	30	22 86	2 00	75 00	6104 93	181 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38 1/2	.....	2000	2500
India.....	Yeotmal.....	158	35	.....	55 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	5	3	3	3	40	1800	9200	11000
India.....	Wun.....	18	2	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	15	375	3100	3475
India.....	Darwha.....	25	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 1/2	200	3500	3700
Japan.....	Osaka.....	300	9	.....	388 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Japan.....	Sumoto.....	192	16	.....	111 16	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Japan.....	Akashi.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China.....	Kai Feng Fu.....	30	1	50	2 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China.....	Yangtse Hsien.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China.....	Cheng Chow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China.....	Tsing Kiang Fu.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	1288	114 39	1079	\$1625 87	\$ 304 78	\$1199 10	\$225 33	\$ 284 58	\$ 364 94	\$525 00	94	13	23	10	1	21	4271 1/2	\$2745	\$ 41926	\$ 64170		

NOTE.—No statistics available for Ceylon or Santo Domingo, except number of American Missionaries—Ceylon, 1; Santo Domingo, 6. (c) Of the amount \$1500 00 is for the work of the women workers. (g) There were 70 full members reported last year, but, the church book being incomplete, only 58 memberships could be found. This represents a gain of 12 full members. (a) Although there were 27 communicants reported last year, the names of only 5 appeared on the book. (b) Students in training school. (c) Total value of property, \$2450 61; Mexican. One probationer died, Chinese one guest hall, Chinese.

NOTE.—No statistics available for Ceylon or Santo Domingo, except number of American missionaries—Ceylon, 1; Santo Domingo, 6. (\$160.00 is for the white work. (x) There were 70 full members reported last year, but the church book being incomplete, only 58 memberships could be found. This represents a gain of three full members. (a) Although there were 27 communicants reported last year, the names of only 15 appeared on the book. (b) Students in training school. (c) Total value of property, \$2340.31 Mexican. (e) Total value is \$2380.61 Mexican. One probationer died, China. One guest hall, China.

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

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### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The second annual meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for this quadrennium was held in the Second Free Methodist church, Chicago, Illinois, beginning October 13, 1908.

The members present were Mesdames Coleman, Carpenter, M'Geary, Jensen, Arnold, Winget, Robinson, Sellw and Beers.

The treasurer reported a deficiency, or rather a falling off in receipts for the first time in the history of the W. F. M. S.

The reports of the editor and publisher of the *Missionary Tidings* show that enlarging the paper has not been a losing venture financially, notwithstanding a shrinkage in the subscription list, owing doubtless to the stringency of the times.

The committee on publication submitted the prospectus of the calendar for 1909, and will have it printed as soon as possible. The committee was authorized to prepare picture post cards of our mission fields and keep them on sale.

Mrs. Jensen reported that she had sent out about four thousand tracts, and that the work was self-supporting. She was elected tract agent in the place of Mrs. Alma K. Pearce, deceased.

The corresponding secretary called attention to the fact that no space had been left in the report blanks for the address of a superintendent of Junior work; and also that there was an omission in the Constitution and By-Laws relating to district superintendents of Junior work. She was requested to have these corrections made in future editions.

A plan was adopted whereby a member of a local society shall be given a certificate of transfer when her membership in the first society shall cease.



If her dues are paid she shall not be expected to pay in the society to which she is transferred till the following year.

Rev. Wilson T. Hogue very generously donated to the W. F. M. S. the royalty on the "*Missionary Hymns and Bible Readings*," beginning with October, 1908. He had previously given the copyright.

A communication was received from Prof. E. G. Burritt, of Greenville, Illinois, in reference to a Missionary Training Course now being conducted in Greenville College. In a resolution, endorsement was given to the plan and a promise to co-operate with the general missionary board in whatsoever they shall recommend.

The applications of fifteen women candidates for the foreign field were considered, and passed on to the general missionary board.

Mrs. M. C. Clarke, returned missionary from India; Mrs. W. F. Matthewson, from Japan; and Rev. J. P. Brodhead, from Africa, each addressed the meeting and were unanimous in their expressions of appreciation of the prayers of their constituency in the home land. Mrs. Beers, for Lily Peterson, said, "Do not let my death dampen your ardor; keep sending missionaries to China."

### STATE OF THE WORK OF THE W. F. M. S. IN 1907-1908

The indications show unmistakably that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society movement is still on the up grade.

First, the conferences reporting at all have, as a rule, been more prompt than ever before with their reports.

Second, the reports, when containing anything besides the bare figures, have had a note of encouragement and aggressiveness which speaks well for the future.

Third, there has been a gain numerically in everything except honorary members.

The gain in Junior work is worthy of note; forty-three societies and 798 members. Included in this are several Young People's societies, reported from East Michigan, Oil City, Pittsburg, Southern California and Wisconsin. This is a good work and should be pushed. The young people, especially, should take up a mission study course. If they do no more than this, they will reap great benefit to themselves and the cause of missions.

A few conferences reported superintendents of Junior work. Perhaps more would have done so had there been a space in the blank for address. This will be remedied in time.

In the Genesee conference the Junior work is being carried on successfully under the efficient leadership of Miss Bertha Taylor. They have a gain of 206 Junior members. All the districts have superintendents of Junior work.

North Dakota reports a gain of twenty-four members and fifteen Juniors. The secretary writes, "We are blest with the conscious knowledge of an increase of interest, harmony, and love in our missionary work."

Iowa has made a gain of one district and nine locals. Kansas a district and two locals. Many other conferences, as the statistics show, have done as well. The Western Canada conference think they should be favored with a visit from some of the returned missionaries. They are doing well under the active leadership of a good president.

From West Iowa "the outlook is bright." West Ontario: "The work is on the aggressive. We expect great things from God."

The secretary of the Wisconsin W. F. M. S. writes as follows: "The work in this conference is increasing in interest. The officers are learning to send their reports promptly, which is indeed encouraging. Brother Brodhead gave a most interesting address Sabbath evening, which was responded to by \$500 in cash and subscriptions. He also gave stereopticon views with lecture, which proved a great means of instruction. God is with us here. Our sisters are

willing workers. The work for the coming year is contemplated with earnest-hearted pleasure."

I quote this report for two reasons, as follows: To call attention to the fact that if all officers from the local up would do their duty promptly as these officers do, some other conference secretary could write in this happy strain, and your humble servant would not have to resort to so many expedients to fill out her annual report. And also to emphasize the importance of the public meeting at conference. Many of these have been reported through the *Free Methodist* and *Missionary Tidings* and all resulted in much good.

At Oil City conference, Brother Brodhead and Brother Sellew illustrated the way the bishop preached to the natives in Africa, with Brother Brodhead interpreting. While at first it was a little embarrassing and took some stretch of imagination to change their white congregation to Zulus, they accomplished it to perfection and preached with so much earnestness and sincerity that the blessing of the Lord came down and the place was filled with shouts before the close.

Right here let me say that too much cannot be said of the benefit that has come to the cause of missions by the never-tiring labors of that faithful missionary, J. P. Brodhead, throughout our borders. As a public speaker he has few equals; and on the subject so near his heart, "Dark Africa," he is at his best. Add to this the blessing of the Lord, which always attends him and his labors are doubly effective. He is a warm friend and supporter of the W. F. M. S., always working under its auspices when possible. His wife was an active worker before she became a missionary in fact. We have elsewhere published the amount raised by the various conferences for city and foreign missions in fruit and goods.

Some sections of the work are suffering from the general depression in business, and the receipts have naturally fallen off, and yet that the decrease has not been greater speaks well for the consecration and devotion of our people and their faith as well.

Brethren and sisters of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we must not settle down under this financial pressure and let God's work suffer; but with a united faith that laughs at impossibilities and cries, "It shall be done," expect God to make a way where there is no way.

(MRS.) ELLA L. M'GEARY.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1907, TO OCTOBER 1, 1908

## CALIFORNIA—\$581.96

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 305 99
Scholarships. . . . .	76 75
India Orphan. . . . .	105 00
Native Workers in Japan. . . . .	46 00
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	45 67
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	2 55

## COLORADO—\$937.29

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 610 24
Scholarships. . . . .	50 25
India Orphan. . . . .	15 00
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	195 48
India Famine. . . . .	49 50
Juniors. . . . .	16 82

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS—\$561.25

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 188 21
Scholarships. . . . .	20 00
India Orphan. . . . .	4 00
Native Worker in Japan. . . . .	289 93
Native Worker in China. . . . .	45 00
Junior. . . . .	14 11

## COLUMBIA RIVER—\$368.12

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 358 12
Scholarships. . . . .	10 00

## EAST MICHIGAN—\$1,102.18

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 863 47
Scholarships. . . . .	108 50
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	65 00
India Orphan. . . . .	4 00
Juniors. . . . .	61 21

## EAST ONTARIO—\$926.54

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 650 59
Scholarships. . . . .	119 50
Machopi People. . . . .	155 90
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	55

## GENESEE—\$1,061.89

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 903 74
Scholarships. . . . .	80 00
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	35 00
India Orphans. . . . .	32 60
India Famine. . . . .	2 00
China Famine. . . . .	5 00
Juniors. . . . .	2 50
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	1 05

## ILLINOIS—\$1,926.23

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$1620 44
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	4 00
Santo Domingo. . . . .	125 75
J. P. Brodhead. . . . .	50 00
Famine in India. . . . .	25 00
Scholarships. . . . .	20 00
India Orphan Fund. . . . .	15 00
China Orphanage. . . . .	14 00
Inhambane Orphanage. . . . .	29 00
Juniors. . . . .	23 04

## IOWA—\$927.70

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 908 80
India Famine. . . . .	18 75
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	15

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE—  
\$12.10

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 12 10
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## MICHIGAN—\$518.27

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 446 61
Scholarships. . . . .	36 00
Juniors. . . . .	15 66
India Famine. . . . .	20 00

MINNESOTA AND NORTH IOWA—  
\$439.29

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 348 49
Scholarships. . . . .	54 00
Bible Woman in India. . . . .	30 00
Juniors. . . . .	6 80

## NEBRASKA—\$207.36

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 207 06
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	30

## NEW YORK—\$1,757.53

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$1595 53
Scholarships. . . . .	160 00
Juniors. . . . .	2 00

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$462.24

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 105 70
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	316 43
Native Worker in India. . . . .	16 11
Scholarships. . . . .	15 00
India Orphans. . . . .	9 00



## NORTH INDIANA—\$399.17

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$ 379 17
India Orphans. . . . .	15 00
Bell for Tom Hayes, Inhambane . . . . .	5 00

## NORTH MICHIGAN—\$427.43

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 383 43
India Famine. . . . .	10 00
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	30 00
Juniors . . . . .	4 00

## NORTH MINNESOTA—\$212.52

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 209 39
Juniors . . . . .	2 78
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	35

## OHIO—\$1,289.88

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 963 37
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	62 50
India Orphans . . . . .	61 09
Scholarships . . . . .	175 37
Juniors . . . . .	27 55

## OIL CITY—\$3,997.26

Foreign Missions. . . . .	\$3389 84
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	143 10
Scholarships . . . . .	132 00
Ethel Cook. . . . .	200 00
India Orphans . . . . .	16 00
Juniors . . . . .	112 97
Delegates' Expenses. . . . .	3 35

## OKLAHOMA—\$1,295.38

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$1210 87
Scholarships . . . . .	30 00
Inhambane Bell . . . . .	5 00
Native Worker in Japan. . . . .	24 00
Juniors . . . . .	10 39
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	15 12

## OREGON—\$808.20

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 597 14
Scholarships . . . . .	95 00
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	5 00
Roy Nichols and wife. . . . .	111 06

## PITTSBURG—\$4,528.97

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$4182 61
India Orphan . . . . .	52 25
Scholarships . . . . .	225 00
China Famine. . . . .	6 00
J. Lively . . . . .	50 00
Inhambane Bell . . . . .	10 81
Juniors . . . . .	2 30

## PLATTE RIVER—\$959.23

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 623 95
Edith Santee. . . . .	260 62
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	63 00
Juniors . . . . .	11 66

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$552.49

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 440 99
India Orphan . . . . .	69 15
Scholarships . . . . .	15 00
Juniors . . . . .	27 35

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—\$2,240.57

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 523 12
Native Worker in Japan. . . . .	347 44
Scholarships . . . . .	142 92
Outfit for Mrs. Ghormley. . . . .	253 99
Salary for Mrs. Ghormley. . . . .	161 00
Salary for Mrs. Cooper. . . . .	268 80
Horse for M. Nickle. . . . .	8 00
Salary for Mrs. Schofield. . . . .	15 00
Juniors . . . . .	88 17
India Orphan . . . . .	55 00
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	46 15
N. B. Ghormley. . . . .	107 00
West India . . . . .	17 50
Mrs. Nichols, Santo Domingo. . . . .	123 98
Missionary fare to Santo Domingo . . . . .	32 50
Santo Domingo . . . . .	50 00

## SUSQUEHANNA—\$1,828.61

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 957 87
Japan . . . . .	34 64
Native Worker in Japan. . . . .	103 95
Minnie Hessler . . . . .	309 28
Lucy Tittimore . . . . .	21 75
Mrs. G. H. Agnew. . . . .	6 58
Native Worker in Africa. . . . .	20 00
Santo Domingo . . . . .	8 00
Nellie Whiffen, Santo Domingo . . . . .	251 00
India Orphan . . . . .	60 00
Scholarships . . . . .	34 00
Juniors . . . . .	21 24
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	30

## TEXAS—\$291.65

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 291 65
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## WABASH—\$443.59

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 442 39
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	1 20

<b>WASHINGTON—\$2,317.90</b>		Machopi People . . . . .	238 21
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 773 02	Native Worker in Africa . . . . .	6 00
Scholarships . . . . .	133 00	India Famine . . . . .	1 00
Native Worker in Africa . . . . .	110 00	Juniors . . . . .	168 23
Lily Peterson . . . . .	103 00	Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	25
India Orphan . . . . .	112 00		
Jessie Lively . . . . .	46 00	<b>WEST KANSAS—\$691.07</b>	
J. Lively Casberg . . . . .	31 00	Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 525 20
Juniors . . . . .	11 45	Scholarships . . . . .	67 21
Laura Appleton . . . . .	205 00	Native Worker in Africa . . . . .	80 00
Fletcher Orphanage, China . . . . .	20 00	India Orphan . . . . .	15 00
Roy Nichols and wife . . . . .	498 42	Juniors . . . . .	3 66
Santo Domingo . . . . .	259 01		
Mr. and Mrs. Ryff . . . . .	10 00	<b>WISCONSIN—\$1,002.50</b>	
China Orphan . . . . .	5 00	Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 756 15
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	1 00	Scholarships . . . . .	15 00
		India Famine . . . . .	14 00
<b>WESTERN CANADA—\$518.07</b>		Native Worker in Africa . . . . .	165 54
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 376 67	Juniors . . . . .	46 41
Scholarships . . . . .	85 00	Native Workers in China . . . . .	2 25
India Orphan . . . . .	15 00	N. B. Ghormley . . . . .	1 00
Juniors . . . . .	41 40	Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	2 15
<b>WEST IOWA—\$413.85</b>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS—\$336.20</b>	
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 362 08	Manuals sold . . . . .	\$ 33 40
India Orphan . . . . .	12 96	Profit on Calendars sold . . . . .	52 80
Juniors . . . . .	13 51	Life of Clara Leffingwell . . . . .	250 00
Scholarships . . . . .	25 00		
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	30		
		<b>GENERAL HOME MISSIONARY FUND—\$28</b>	
<b>WEST ONTARIO—\$1,389.67</b>		West Ontario . . . . .	\$ 19 00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 852 28	Ohio . . . . .	6 00
Scholarships . . . . .	68 70	Oklahoma . . . . .	3 00
Mill for Haley . . . . .	5 00		

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$28,713 14
India Orphans . . . . .	668 05
African Scholarships . . . . .	2,143 75
Native Workers—Africa . . . . .	1,457 75
Native Workers—Japan . . . . .	845 96
Juniors . . . . .	737 91
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	30 45
Miscellaneous . . . . .	4,377 77
General Home Missions . . . . .	28 00
Total . . . . .	\$39,002 78

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro . . . . .	\$37,508 71
Contingent Fund . . . . .	1,435 62
Delegates' Expenses . . . . .	30 45
General Home Missions . . . . .	28 00
Total . . . . .	\$39,002 78

LILLIAN CAMP JENSEN, Treasurer.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

According to the action of the general W. F. M. S., I am to supplement the treasurer's report by giving the value of goods and money raised for foreign and home work as reported on the secretary's blanks from the various conferences. Following is the report:

Central Illinois: For native workers in China.....	\$ 80 00
Three scholarships.....	45 00
City missions, cash.....	24 00
One hundred garments, barrel fruit; value not given.	
For Training class.....	50 00
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	\$ 199 00
Colorado: Are filling a box for India.....	
East Michigan: Value of goods for city missions.....	\$ 50 00
For rescue work.....	26 00
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	\$ 76 00
Genesee: Sent boxes to the field; valuation not given.....	
Kansas: Fruit and goods for foreign work.....	\$ 26 50
Goods and money for city missions.....	79 00
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	\$ 105 50
Oil City: value of fruit and goods for foreign missions.....	\$ 30 00
For city missions.....	45 00
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	\$ 75 00
Oregon: Value of fruit and goods for foreign fields.....	\$ 396 50
Pittsburg: Value of goods for city missions.....	\$ 144 00
Southern California: Raised for A. L. Grinnell's education.....	\$ 177 00
Box goods to China.....	100 00
City missions.....	40 00
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	\$ 317 00
Susquehanna: Fruit and goods for foreign missions.....	\$ 110 84
Two boxes for foreign field; value not given.....	
Sent to Africa in cash.....	50 00
Sent to Japan in cash.....	25 15
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	\$ 185 99
West Kansas: Box for India.....	
For city missions.....	\$ 5 00
Wisconsin: Fruit and goods for foreign missions.....	\$ 92 77
City missions.....	40 00
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	\$ 132 77
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Total.....	\$1,636 76

(MRS.) ELLA L. M'GEARY, Corresponding Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
FROM OCTOBER 1, 1907, TO OCTOBER 1, 1908.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Y. P. and Junior Societies	Y. P. and Junior Members	Missionary Tid-ings Taken
California.....	1895	2	7	91	20	1	8	47
Central Illinois.....	1896	3	9	149	19	1	32	43
Colorado.....	1896	2	12	143	27	2	33	63
*Columbia River.....	1896	2	3	61	22		24	37
East Michigan.....	1896	4	38	260	77	8	406	31
East Ontario.....	1894	4	24	295	219	2	55	42
Genesee.....	1895	4	29	493	102	12	245	185
Illinois.....	1895	3	17	349	101	4	38	438
Iowa.....	1894	3	15	180	58		50	30
Kansas.....	1894	8	20	206	51		1	74
*Michigan.....	1892	4	5	120	57	3	23	54
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	1897	1	7	105	21	3	43	14
Missouri.....	1896							
Nebraska.....	1897							
New York.....	1893	4	13	130	41	2	26	94
North Dakota.....	1898	2	6	80	31	1	15	25
*North Indiana.....	1895	2	9	119	27	6	74	13
North Michigan.....	1900	4	4	120	14			12
North Minnesota.....	1898	1	11	71		2	20	15
Ohio.....	1892	5	22	230	55	4	68	65
Oil City.....	1899	6	46	610	208	24	326	154
*Oklahoma.....	1899	5	13	160	43	1	10	30
Oregon.....	1896	2	13	131	39	2	26	76
Pittsburg.....	1892	4	34	666	313	17	384	225
*Platte River.....	1896	4	14	153	47	2	26	32
South Dakota.....	1892	3	9	104	15		37	43
Southern California.....	1899	1	13	240	77	7	159	100
Susquehanna.....	1895	7	24	368	72	7	104	168
*Texas.....	1894	1	3	38	12	1	11	
Wabash.....	1896	3	8	50	15	1	15	15
Washington.....	1896	2	15	232	79	5	67	117
Western Canada.....	1906	2	7	74	65	2	47	35
West Iowa.....	1896	4	11	139	18	2	18	32
West Ontario.....	1896	5	27	372	196	13	444	100
West Kansas.....	1896	4	17	202	79	2	45	62
Wisconsin.....	1891	5	19	227	45	8	90	72
Total.....		116	519	6967	2270	145	2969	2543
Gain.....		7	38	20		43	798	157

\* Last year's report. Life members, 136. Gain, 48.

(MRS.) ELLA L. M'GEARY, Corresponding Secretary.

Sharon, Pennsylvania.

## ADDENDA AND ERRATA

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI.—Page 273, near bottom of page, read, "Vilonia" instead of "Pilonia." Page 274, \$63 was paid on "Conference Claimants' Fund," instead of \$12.

GENESEE.—Page 187, add to Buffalo district: "Pendleton, To be supplied."

ILLINOIS.—Page 72, the address of H. O. Hubbard, is "211 South Walnut street, Kewanee, Illinois."

IOWA.—The name of Rev. E. E. Dalbey is incorrectly spelled, as "E. E. Dolby."

KANSAS.—Page 62, line 2, read, "S. V. Coe, Kate Coe, supply, 711 Osage avenue, Kansas City, Kansas."

LOUISIANA.—Page 291, line 19 in "Resolutions," read "deprecate" instead of "depreciate."

NEW YORK.—Page 160, add to Windsor district: "Lake Como, Stanton Hill, Pleasant Valley, Babbittsville, Equinunk, Thornbottom and Sherwoods, George W. Kopp." Page 162, add to list of evangelists: "\*Mrs. Lucy Marten."

NORTH INDIANA.—Page 223, the chairman of the committee "on ministerial relations" is Burton R. Jones.

NORTH MICHIGAN.—Page 135, list of delegates, read, "M. Bedell." Page 137, line 9, read, "Coopersville and Nunica;" on same district, read, "Milbrook and Broomfield." Page 138, line 16, read, "Walkerville." In line 29, read "Meauwataka."

PITTSBURG.—Page 261, question 6, read, "Benjamin Hosbach." The word "Katharine" appears as "Katherine" several times. Page 262, near bottom of page, read, "Wellsville" instead of "Westville." Page 263, near middle of page, read, "John Douglass."

PLATTE RIVER.—Page 50, the name of the treasurer of the W. F. M. S. is "Mrs. Mary E. Carpenter." Add the name of Charles Wheeler to the list of preachers; also to the answer to question 5. On page 51, the address of J. L. Dodge is "Orleans, Nebraska." In Central City district, read, "St. Paul and Palmer" circuit. On page 52 read "F. A. Davis" (line 4). In list of evangelists read "Zora Clevenger, St. Paul."

WEST IOWA.—Page 87, add following to appointments of Council Bluffs district: "Council Bluffs, D. C. Lamson, Nora Lamson, supply, 1620 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, Iowa."

WEST KANSAS.—Page 93, middle of page, read "H. B. Sutton." Page 94, list of preachers, read "A. J. Lunsford;" same page, question 8, read "B. F. Closson." Page 95, the address of Frank Lathrop, supply, is "Lincoln, Kansas." Page 96, middle of page, read "Frank McGraw."

[With very few exceptions, the mistakes and omissions were made by the annual conference secretaries.—OFFICE EDITOR.]













